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ABYSSINIANS SHOW FINE SPIRIT DESPITE HEAVY REVERSES

GRAVE EGYPTIAN SITUATION

As Prince Farouk of Egypt, above, is still under age, the death of his father King Fuad necessitates the appointment of a Regency Council. His Highness was born on February 11, 1920, and has recently been in school in England.

DEATH OF KING AT VITAL PERIOD

ITALIAN INTRIGUE FEARED

DANGERS OF A REGENCY

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Cairo, To-day.

King Fuad I died yesterday at 1.40 p.m.

The Crown Prince Farouk, who was finishing his education in England, left London on Monday night and was hence not present at his father's deathbed. The Queen, who had attended the Royal Patient all day Monday, was at his side when he died. The King, who knew that the end was approaching, called his four daughters to him on Monday night and bade them farewell.

Public anxiety during these last few hours had risen to great heights, an immense crowd having gathered outside the Royal Palace in the early hours of yesterday morning, waiting for the latest bulletins. When the news came that the King had passed, the people still clung to the last hope that it might yet turn for the better.

The crowds showed signs of poignant grief, when at 1.40 p.m. the Royal Standard floating over the Palace was lowered to half-mast, indicating that the King had passed away.

King Fuad I, who was Egypt's first constitutional monarch, was just 68 years old. Since 1934 his health had been failing, as his heart showed signs of weakening as a result of the exceedingly strenuous career which he had passed through before becoming King in 1917, since when his responsibilities had been exceedingly heavy, especially in the last two years. The outburst of the Italo-Abyssinian conflict brought further cares. In King Fuad's Court the anti-British element was strong, while he himself had a difficult task in keeping faith with both contesting parties. Since his illness in 1934, King Fuad had never been his old self.

VITAL PERIOD

The King's death takes place at a most inopportune moment, when general elections are about to take place and the Anglo-Egyptian negotiations to decide the relationship between the two countries are in progress. Egyptian interests are also profoundly concerned in what is likely to eventuate in Abyssinia.

King Fuad's successor is only 16 years old. He has not yet completed his education and is ex-

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SOVIET AND JAPAN

VIOLATIONS OF FRONTIERS

POSSIBLE "UNDESIRABLE CONSEQUENCES"

Moscow, To-day.

A semi-official account of the recent conversation at Tokyo between the Ambassador, M. Yurenev, and the Foreign Minister, Mr. Arita, says that the former suggested that a frontier commission should investigate the conflicts on the Manchurian frontier, and also that the commission should demarcate the Manchu-Mongolian frontier, starting from the eastern end. In the meantime he requested the Japanese Government to take steps to establish order on the frontier.

Mr. Arita generally agreed to M. Yurenev's suggestions and added that orders had already been given forbidding the Japanese troops from crossing the frontier, and if violations occurred they must not be ascribed to "malevolent intention." M. Yorenev disagreed with this contention and said that if violations occurred they would have undesirable consequences. —Reuter.

"FIRST PEACE AIR FORCE"

Formation Agreed Upon At Geneva

Geneva, To-day.

The formation of the "first peace air force" was decided upon at a meeting yesterday of the International Peace Council representing nine countries, under the Presidency of Viscount Cecil. The force will be recruited from among volunteer plane owners in Europe and the United States, urging peace and support of the League of Nations, doing smoke writing and similar slogans, and owning banners with peace messages. —Reuter.

ANTI-COMMUNIST PACT?

Conflicting Reports Received

JAPANESE WANT CONTROL OF RAILWAYS

Shanghai, To-day.

Although the Foreign Office at Nanking denies knowledge of the anti-Communist pact, the Chinese press this morning splashes reports to the effect that "agreement in principle" has been reached in that connection between the Chinese and Japanese negotiators at Tientsin.

However, it is understood that the Chinese are seeking the abolition of the East Hopei autonomous regime as a *quid pro quo*. Consequently the conclusion of the pact may be delayed while the bargaining continues on this point.

Possibly the details of the pact, like the so-called Ho-Umetsu agreement, will never be revealed, but the Japanese will quietly proceed to put it into effect.

A *Reuter* message from Peiping says that it is recognised that the Japanese military authorities are less concerned with the possibility of a Red invasion of Hopei and Chahar, which is negligible, than with the opportunity afforded by the pact to gain control of North China's railways.—Reuter.

MORE DISORDERS IN MADRID

Former Police Chief Shot Dead

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Madrdi, To-day.

The former police chief of Barcelona, Signor Miguel Badia, and his brother Jose, were shot dead in the open street here by anarchists yesterday morning. The assassins escaped by mixing with the crowd before they could be apprehended. The Catalan public is in a state of wild excitement. The belief is that this was an act of revenge.—Trans-Ocean Service.

PRINCE FAROUK PROCLAIMED KING

Cairo, to-day.—Prince Farouk has been proclaimed King. He arrives home from England on May 5.—Reuter.

To-day is the 35th birthday of Emperor Hirohito of Japan, shown above with the Empress, the former Princess Nagako, daughter of His late Imperial Highness Prince Kuninomiya. The Emperor succeeded his father, Yoshithito, on December 25, 1926. The Crown Prince Akihito of Tsugunomiya was born on December 23, 1933.

PEER'S TRIAL BY PEERS

ABOLITION URGED IN LORDS

London, To-day.

The abolition of a Peer's right to be tried by his peers is the object of a bill, the second reading of which was moved by Lord Sankey in the House of Lords yesterday. He pointed out that if a Lord stole a silver matchbox worth 50s. it would be a felony, for which he would be liable to be tried by 700 Lords, whereas if he had a connection with companies which swindled the public of hundreds of thousands it would be a misdemeanour, for which he would be tried in a criminal court.

Lord Middleton, opposing the bill, suggested that a panel of Peers should try a Peer. He maintained that the public was too interested in football and film stars to care whether this form of trial were abolished.

Lord Hailsham declared: "We are all equal before the law. In the interests of the House it would be far better if this anachronism were swept away."

The second reading was carried by 62 votes to 35.—Reuter.

PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN

Primary Elections Held

OVERWHELMING PREFERENCE FOR ROOSEVELT

Washington, To-day.

Features of the primary elections in Pennsylvania and Massachusetts are the overwhelming endorsement of President Roosevelt and a preference for Mr. Alfred Landon, Governor of Kansas, as his Republican opponent.

In Pennsylvania, where Mr. Roosevelt was opposed by Colonel Breckinridge, a friend of the Lindberghs and an outspoken anti-New Deal Democrat, the returns of the Democrat primary elections so far are 51,106 for President Roosevelt and 3,180 for Colonel Breckinridge, while Senator Borah in the Republican primary election was unopposed.

In the Massachusetts Republican primary election Mr. Landon has hitherto polled 4,283, Mr. Hoover 417, Senator Borah 313, Colonel Frank Knox, the Chicago publisher, 218. So far only one Democratic vote has been cast against Mr. Roosevelt, namely, for Mr. Newton Baker, President Wilson's Secretary for War.—Reuter.

TWO NEW BATTLESHIPS FOR AMERICA

Washington, to-day. — The leaders of Congress have recommended the authorisation of two new battleships to be begun at the President's discretion.—Reuter.

THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS

Cannot Function As Peace Instrument

London, To-day.

Lord Queensborough has resigned the treasureship of the League of Nations Union. He has written to the secretary expressing the opinion that the League at present cannot function as an effective instrument for peace. — Reuter.

NEW STRATEGIC RAILWAY

SIBERIAN LINE COMPLETED

Moscow, To-day.

The virtual completion is announced of the second rail track line from Karimskaya to Khabarovsk, following the line of the northern frontier of Manchukuo, about 1,375 miles.

The work begun about two years ago has been rushed. The speed is attributed to the supervision of the Commissariat for Home Affairs. It is stated that 80 per cent. of the foremen and brigade leaders were women. — Reuter.

Pleasing Function At Japanese Consulate

"How happy the celebration is, we British know full well, for if there is one thing in which the British and Japanese are alike, it is our unbounded loyalty to the throne," said His Excellency the Governor, Sir Andrew Caldecott, when he proposed the toast to the Emperor of Japan at the "At Home" this morning, held in the residence of the Consul-General of Japan and Mrs. Mizuzuwa, at No. 7, Conduit Road, in honour of the anniversary of the 35th birthday of the Japanese Emperor.

A large and distinguished gathering attended to offer their felicitations. His Excellency was attended by Capt. W. J. R. Cragg, and others present were the Hon. Mr. R. A. C. North, Acting Colonial Secretary, the Hon. Mr. C. G. Alabaster, Commodore and Mrs. C. G. Sedgwick, Sir William Hornell, the Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, the Hon. Sir Shou-son Chow, the

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RETIRE ONLY UNDER ORDERS

UNEASINESS IN ROME RELIEVED

MOTORISED COLUMNS 90 MILES FROM ADDIS ABABA

Addis Ababa, To-day.

The British ambulance has been asked to send lorries to evacuate large numbers of Abyssinian wounded assembled in a small town on the eastern road from Dessie. Despite the terrible ordeal by bombs, shells and poison gas the Abyssinian troops returning from the north are displaying a remarkable spirit. The men declared that they were returning because they had been ordered back by the Government, but were prepared to return and continue fighting.

Rome: It is officially announced that a motorised column of 3,000 armoured cars and lorries from Dessie has advanced 140 kilometres down the motor road towards Addis Ababa. It is now half way from Dessie. — Reuter's Bulletin Service.

Rome: **The uneasiness prevailing here at the long delay of news from Marsal Badoglio was relieved yesterday, when the following message, published as official war bulletin No. 197, from Marshal Badoglio, was received:**

"On the northern front motorised columns from Dessie are now less than 90 miles from Addis Ababa, no resistance having been encountered so far. Another section starting from Worrailu reached the river Wacit. On the Somali front the left wing of the advancing Italian army defeated the Abyssinians at the Faf Valley. Three armoured cars, which were taken by the Abyssinians on November 11, were recaptured." — Trans-Ocean Service.

ITALIAN SUCCESS

Asmara: Italian native troops defeated Abyssinian irregulars in a sanguinary encounter 80 miles south of Dessie yesterday, when the latter attempted to hold up the Italian advance.

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COUNCIL OF THE LEAGUE

CHINA'S CLAIM TO A SEAT

THREE-YEAR TERM PROPOSED

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Geneva, To-day.

Although the Chinese Government's wishes regarding a permanent or at least a semi-permanent seat on the League Council are not gratified by the decision of the special committee now meeting under the chairmanship of the Italian Signor Rosco, China will at least have the satisfaction of being on the League Council for three years, if the Special Committee's recommendations, which were carried by 9 votes to 5, are adopted.

The Committee took the view that the exceedingly difficult question of the composition of the League Council should not be settled at a time when the international situation is so full of unrest as at this moment. The Committee further recommended that the seat allotted in 1933 to Portugal for three years as an additional Council seat should not lapse again, but should instead be allotted for a further three years to some State not belonging to the group entitled to a seat in rotation.

It will be remembered that at the last plenary session of the League, the Austrian delegate pointed out that Austria was a State of this kind. If the Committee's proposals are accepted, the League Council will in future be composed of 15 members.—Trans-Ocean Service.

TASTE OF WAR

SUDDEN DRIVE BY ABYSSINIANS

War Correspondents In The Real Thing

SITUATION SAVED BY SOMALIS

Gorahai, To-day.

The Blackshirts' camp and headquarters were seriously menaced and war correspondents had an alarming taste of war last night when there was a sudden and unexpected fierce Abyssinian counter-attack by 5,000 troops.

The situation was for the time being most serious. The Abyssinians rained incendiary shells and set fire to the bush where the Italian motor-transport petrol supplies were massed. A hail of bullets descended on a lorry in which Mr. Barnes, Reuter's special correspondent, was writing a despatch.

Two people were killed and six wounded in the camp. Everybody was called on to defend himself.

The situation was saved by the magnificent behaviour of a battalion of Somalis, who withstood the successive waves of the enemy onslaught and finally, with a bayonet and hand-grenade charge, drove back the Abyssinians across to Fafan River.

About 500 Abyssinian dead strewed the battlefield and many were still fantastically huddled as they were mown down by machine-guns. The Italians lost 10 officers killed and 23 wounded.—Reuter.

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INWARD MAILS.

FROM EUROPE

	Apr.
Chitral (via Suez)	" 29

FROM U.S.A.

	May
Pres. Jefferson	" 1
Emp. of Asia	" 7
Pres. Coolidge	" 7
Pres. Monroe	" 8

FROM SHANGHAI

	Apr.
Achilles	" 29
Automedon	" 30
	May
Pres. Jefferson	" 1
Carthage	" 1
Potsdam	" 3
Aeneas	" 5
Aramis	" 5
Emp. of Asia	" 7
Pres. Coolidge	" 7

FROM MANILA

	Apr.
Emp. of Japan	" 29
	May
Gneisenau	" 5
Taiping	" 8

FROM STRAITS & INDIA

	Apr.
Behar	" 29
Bontekoe	" 30
	May
Hosang	" 1
Perseus	" 4
Cremer	" 5

FROM JAPAN

	Apr.
Tokushima Maru	" 29
Nellore	" 30
	May
Carthage	" 1
Pres. Jefferson	" 4
Arizona Maru	" 7
Emp. of Asia	" 7
Pres. Coolidge	" 8
General Pershing	"

FROM AUSTRALIA

	May
Taiping	" 8

OUTWARD MAILS.

FOR EUROPE

	Apr.
Chitral (via Siberia)	" 30
R.M.A. Dorado (Imperial Airways direct Service)	" 30
Closes: Reg. 5 p.m. Ord. 8.15 a.m.	
	May
Emp. of Japan (via Siberia)	" 1
Closes: Reg. 9.15 a.m. Ord. 10 a.m.	
Carthage (K.L.M. Service)	" 2
Closes: Reg. 9 a.m. Ord. 9.30 a.m.	

FOR SHANGHAI

	Apr.
Chitral	" 30
	May
Emp. of Japan	" 1
Chenonceaux	" 2
Asama Maru	" 6

FOR JAPAN

	Apr.
Chitral	" 30
	May
Emp. of Japan	" 1
Chenonceaux	" 2

FOR MANILA

	May
Nellore	" 2
Pres. Jefferson	" 2

FOR STRAITS AND INDIA

	Apr.
Achilles	" 29
	May
Carthage	" 5
Arizona Maru	" 5
Aramis	"

FOR AUSTRALIA

	Apr.
R.M.A. Dorado	" 30
	May
Nellore	" 2

FOR U.S.A.

	May
Emp. of Japan	" 1

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UPSETTING MORALE OF ARMY

Communist Editor Gaoled In Paris

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Paris. To-day.

The editor of the Communist organ *Humanite*, M. Bonnet, was sentenced to six months' prison and fined 500 francs by the Paris Court because he permitted the publication of several articles which alleged that the recruits of the French Army were ill-treated and badly nourished, as well as exposed to undue exertions, with the result that 200 soldiers died during the last winter and 600 during the winter of 1934/5.

M. Bonnet had been arrested on March 13, this year, under the edict of the Laval Government for publishing false allegations about the regular army.—Trans-Ocean Service.

DOG-OWNERS IN COURT

Kowloon Europeans Summoned

TWO CONVICTIONS

At the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday Mr. E. Himsworth dealt with three summonses against European dog-owners.

Lieutenant M. W. Metcalfe, of the Royal Artillery, Gun Club Hill Officers' Mess, pleaded guilty to allowing a Great Dane bitch out in Chatham Road, between Granville Road and Austin Road, without a muzzle or lead. Defendant declared that the dog had been inoculated by the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon. He was fined $17.

H. Cairns, of 32 Kimberly Road, appeared on behalf of his wife, who was summoned for allowing a brown Australian terrier bitch to wander without a muzzle or lead on Nathan Road, near Kimberly Road, and for keeping the dog without a licence. Mr. Cairns pleaded guilty and said the dog had been inoculated last September. He was fined $10 on the first charge and $17 on the second.

Mrs. Wilkins, of 1 Lock Road, 1st floor, summoned for keeping a black and white Japanese poodle without a licence, explained that it had been given as a present to her husband, and she had thought it was licensed. She was dismissed with a caution.

CRIMINAL SESSION

Shamshuipo Murder Trial Ends

THREE MEN SENTENCED TO DEATH

At the Criminal Sessions yesterday the three men, Chan Ho, 25, unemployed, Choi Ming, 28, unemployed, and Ho Chuen, 28, unemployed, were found guilty of the murder, by strangulation, of a 55-year-old widow at Shamshuipo on the night of January 31 last. The jury only reached their verdict after a deliberation of nearly two and a half hours.

A feature of the trial was that the conviction was based entirely on the men's own confessions, which they alleged were extracted from them through intimidation on the part of the Police.

Mr. E. H. Williams, Assistant Attorney-General, instructed by Mr. M. J. Abbot, Assistant Crown Solicitor, appeared for the prosecution, and Mr. Leo D'Almada, jn., instructed by Mr. C. Y. Kwan, was for the defence.

The case was tried by Mr. Justice R. E. Lindsell, with the assistance of the following jury: Messrs. F. A. Hill (Foreman), K. Knudsen, H. Z. Kai, A. C. Diercks, H. L. Fox, Lui Yee-chu and J. Huber.

Another Man Discharged

Another man, Wong Wing, was originally tried with the accused, but the case against him was withdrawn midway through the proceedings, the Judge holding that there was no common design between him and the others to commit the robbery with violence.

The accused were arrested three weeks after the murder, on February 22, as a result of information supplied by a man named Ho Hing, who was alleged to be one of the participants in the crime. Ho Hing was also charged and committed to trial with the others, but subsequently the Attorney-General refused to file an indictment against him.

In charging the jury His Lordship reviewed the evidence, and pointed out that there was no direct testimony as to what actually happened to the deceased, though it was obvious that she must have been subjected to violence, which resulted in her death.

Referring to the question of law, His Lordship said if the jury had any doubts on their mind they should give the benefit of the doubt to the prisoners. He concluded by warning the jury that their duty was to return a verdict on the evidence placed before them, and not to consider the consequence.

Unanimous Verdict

After an absence of nearly two and a half hours, the jury returned a unanimous verdict of guilty.

His Lordship, Mr. Justice R. E. Lindsell, then donned the black cap and passed sentence of death on each of the accused.

Mr. D'Almada said that a recommendation for mercy should be made to the authorities in a case of this kind where it was not determined who actually committed the murder. He submitted that His Lordship should make this recommendation so that the Crown could consider clemency in the matter.

His Lordship remarked that he would make a note of the submission.

The prisoners maintained a passive appearance as they were led away from the dock.

ROTARY TIFFIN

Sparkling Address By Mr. Laszlo Schwartz

COMMERCIALISM AND ART

Members of the Hong Kong Rotary Club had the privilege yesterday of listening to an address by Mr. Laszlo Schwartz, musician, humourist and caricaturist, who is, like the title of his book-to-be, "laughing round the world." Mr. Schwartz chose as the subject of his address "Two Happy Bedfellows—Commercialism and Art" and delighted his hearers with his humorous treatment of his thesis.

The president, Professor L. Forster, was in the Chair.

The following guests were welcomed: Messrs. L. R. van Lennep, Batavia; J. R. Swales, K. G. Blair and A. W. Blackford, Hong Kong.

Professor Foster said that he, with Dr. Arthur Woo and Mr. M. F. Key, visited Canton in connection with Charter Day celebrations, and they were most hospitably received. Next week the Club would hear a report on the recent Shanghai Conference from their two representatives, Mr. F. A. Mackintosh and Mr. David Au.

In welcoming the speaker for the day, he recalled to members that Mr. Schwartz was kind enough to stand down last week to enable a Past President of Rotary International to address them. A musician who spent his time enjoying himself wherever he happened to be, Mr. Schwartz was also a Rotarian and a Rotating Rotarian at that. (Laughter).

ST. TERESA'S, KOWLOON

"Children Of Mary" In Easter Drama

"THE THIRD DAY"

Last night at the Parochial Hall of St. Teresa's Church, Kowloon, there was presented, by the Children of May of the church, an Easter Drama, entitled "The Third Day," adapted by Fr. F. A. Talbot, S.J.

The first scene depicted the fulfilment of the prophecy of Isaiah, "A Man of Sorrows is smitten for our Sins." During this scene a chorus was sung. "He was despised and rejected" from Handel's Messiah.

Scene Two dealt with the subject of the play, whilst Scene Three was entitled "The Fruit of the Redemption." During an interval, Miss Ave Gosano played a violin solo, "The Palms." She was accompanied on the piano by Miss Linda Gosano.

The Cast

The players were: Mesdames Irene Souza (Ruth), Irene Lopes (Rachel), Miss Philomena (Jesus), Teresa Yvanovich (Mary, the Mother of Jesus), Miss Gehring (Mary James, the Mother of James the Less-Renate), Natalia Fontana (Mary Magdalen), Melny Campos (Salome, the Mother of James the Greater and of John). Irene Lopes (Joanna, the wife of James Herod's Steward), Pauline Chan (Peter, the disciple whom Jesus loved), Norma Gonsalves (Nicodemus) and Terry Gonsalves (Eliseus).

KING OF EGYPT'S DEATH

REGENCY COUNCIL NECESSARY

NAMES CONTAINED IN SEALED ENVELOPE

Cairo, To-day.

The Crown Prince Farouk being under age, King Fuad's death necessitates the appointment of a Regency Council. The names of the Regents, which it is understood King Fuad approved in 1922, are contained in a sealed document only to be opened in the event of his death.

It is understood that if one of the Regents mentioned in the document is unable to assume the duties, the Egyptian Cabinet will have the right to appoint someone in his place.—Reuter.

RIOTING CHARGES AT CARDIFF

30 People Found Guilty

After a trial lasting six days, of charges of riotous assembly against 36 people, a jury at Glamorgan Assizes, Cardiff last month, found 30 of the defendants guilty. The remaining six were discharged.

The offences were alleged to have taken place near Taff Merthyr Colliery, Trelewis, last October during a stay-in strike.

Mr. Justice Humphreys summed up for four and a quarter hours and the jury were absent considering their verdict for one and a half hours.

Sentence was deferred.

A lecture on "Unemployment," under the auspices of the Law and Commerce Society, will be delivered by the Rev. K. M. Dow on Friday next at 8.30 p.m. in the Union Assembly Room of Hong Kong University. All interested are welcome.

BABY'S QUESTION BOX

By Mary Paton

Politeness, courtesy, correct behaviour—all the social graces—can never be bought with money or other gifts. It is better to punish for bad behaviour rather than to have the child grow up counting on payment for being good.

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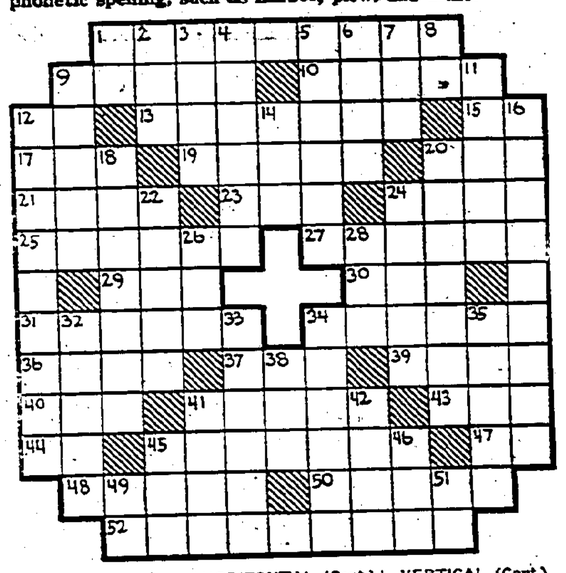
DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE

This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spelling, such as harbor, plow, and altho.



HORIZONTAL
1–Disparaged
9–One who receives a gift
10–Razor stones
12–Father
13–Holds
15–Township (abbr.)
17–An insect
19–Machines for grinding
20–Sailor
21–Blemish
23–Relative (abbr.)
24–Network
25–Cylindrical or slightly tapering
27–Tallies
29–Wild (Scot)
30–Part of the head
31–Invaded suddenly
34–To give up an office
36–A high card (pl.)
37–A point of compass (abbr.)

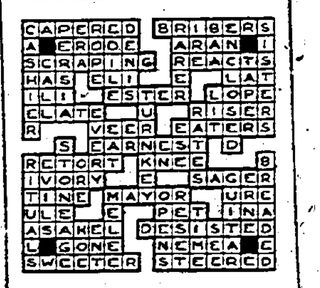
HORIZONTAL (Cont.)
39–Canvas shelter
40–Disease of sheep
41–To one side
43–Fish eggs
44–Suffix to form past tense
45–Highest mountain in the world
47–A medical degree (abbr.)
48–A title (Sp.)
50–Growing out
52–Feeling

VERTICAL
1–Perform
2–Terminate
3–Abound
4–Go into seclusion
5–Cools
6–A weight measure (pl.)
7–A naval title (abbr.)
8–Prefix. From

VERTICAL (Cont.)
9–Frolic
11–Aver
12–Grass and herbage for cattle
14–A beverage
16–Gave
18–Loitered
20–Kind of dog
22–Long grass stems
24–Cook in an oven
26–Golf mound
28–A letter
32–Sour substances
33–Forsake
34–Reclaim
35–Dwarf
38–A title
41–River in England
42–Serf
45–A point of compass (abbr.)
46–A color
49–Plural suffix
51–Trinity term (abbr.)

The solution of the above with a new cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue.

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



GERMAN ECONOMIC COMMISSION

Expected Shortly In Hong Kong

The German Economic Commission under the chairmanship of Minister-at-large Dr. Kiep, will arrive in the Colony during the first days of May.

The Commission, entrusted with the task of studying the economic situation in the Far East, enlightening the public here as to the German economic situation, and giving information about economic plans and possibilities, such as, for instance, Dr. Schacht's "New Plan," has travelled over China and Japan, and some weeks ago spent a short time in Canton. The Commission is now on the homeward trip.

Minister Dr. Kiep was Consul-General in New York before taking up duties in his present capacity.

The Minister and his colleagues will only make a short stay in the Colony.

SHARP REBUKE BY JUDGE

Smoking No Evidence Of Means

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The SHARE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Society will be CLOSED from 4th May to 22nd May, Both Days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
A. W. HUGHES,
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Hong Kong, 24th April, 1936.

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"THE LAST DAYS OF POMPEII" —KING'S THEATRE

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As the drama unfolds through a vivid pageantry of fierce conflict and violent emotions, it advances towards the most spectacular and breath-taking climax — the destruction of Pompeii by earthquake and volcanic eruption. It is then, when the world is crumbling about his ears and all that the man cherishes is being swept away, that Marcus feels the urge of the Master's teachings and gives up his life to save the helpless ones about him.

Preston Foster, rapidly rising to screen stardom, plays the leading role of Marcus, the smith. Alan Hale, Basil Rathbone, John Wood, Louis Calhern, David Holt, Dorothy Wilson and Wyrley Birch play important roles.

"WOMAN TRAP"—QUEEN'S THEATRE

This picture bristles with adventure, bustles with action, bursts with drama that makes you sit on the edge of your seat. The story has swiftness of pace and a wealth of situations. Aeroplanes, motorboats and sure-footed horses further the brisk plot, which starts with a spine-chilling crime and moves to a startling finale in the desert, when the desperadoes, who have used cunning with success, fall into a trap and a ridiculous one at that!

Gertrude Michael lends dash and fire to the role of the thrill-seeking girl who gets the front-page reporter into trouble. George Murphy plays the reporter who gets his tips from gangland and knows too much for his own good. Akim Tamaroff, one of the best screen characters living, gives a grand human performance as the Federal agent who poses as a crook in order to trap the killers. He is in the best Holbrook Elinn tradition, a character that audiences have always loved.

Others who further the action are Roscoe Karns, Samuel S. Hinds, Sidney Blackmer and Jean Jagger.

"HERE COMES COOKIE"—STAR THEATRE

In this picture George Burns and Gracie Allen provide all the laughter and hilarious situations in a story that deals with Gracie's experiences when she is given a free rein over her father's vast estate.

George Barbier, anxious to ward off the attentions of a gigolo on his daughter Betty, has his family lawyer, Burns, make over his wealth to Gracie and then goes for a holiday. With a fortune at her command Gracie almost drives Burns insane with her reckless spending.

The climax is reached when she stages a show and turns her entire house into a theatre, and there produces a ludicrous play and ends it with a scene from Romeo and Juliet, in which she takes a part herself.

"THE BISHOP MISBEHAVES"—ORIENTAL THEATRE

When a bishop sets out, armed with knowledge gleaned from detective books, to be an amateur detective, that promises entertainment. And this promise is more than made good in "The Bishop Misbehaves."

While Maureen O'Sullivan and Norman Foster are lovers, in trouble of their own making, the misbehaving bishop, as enacted by Edmund Gwenn, sets about following clues, trailing criminals, worsting a quartet of them with a snuff box and a deft aim that lands snuff in the eyes of the male factors, and otherwise revels in a merry medley of mirth and mystery.

The picture gives the audience a merry evening of entertainment that is evenly divided between bewilderment, surprise and hilarity.

Miss O'Sullivan is charming as the madcap society girl of the story and Foster enacts his role with convincing skill. Gwenn takes the part of the bishop, a masterpiece in humorous characterisation. Lucille Watson, as his adventure-loving sister, is another high point in the brilliant cast assembled for the new picture.

Others who score include Reginald Owen, Dudley Digges, Ivan Simpson, Lilian Bond, Arthur Treacher and Charles McNaughton.

"DRAKE OF ENGLAND"—ALHAMBRA THEATRE

This is one of the most important historical productions ever made in England and the story has been constructed around the events which led to the recognition of Sir Francis Drake by Queen Elizabeth and her court and of his victorious battle with the Spanish Armada.

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BRIDGE NOTES

From Pillar To Post

By Ely Culbertson

"You'd make a great statesman," my opponent cynically remarked to his partner. "You had all the earmarks of a man making a momentous decision—while actually making a beautiful straddle."

The criticism may have been unkind, but it certainly was justified. East's error was that of many a more experienced player—he wanted to try out every suit.

He should have recognised that this was one of the many no trump hands which contain a stopper or two in each of three suits, and the bulk of the tricks in one long suit. In the race for time which often develops in such a case, the task of the defence is to pick one of the weak spots [the weakest, if possible] and hammer out the stoppers before declarer's suit is established. There often is time for one shift, but practically never for two.

South, death.

Neither side vulnerable.

	S. K H. A 9 7 6 3 2 D. 7 4 C. Q 8 6 5	
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The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1D	Pass	1H	Pass
1S	Pass	2H	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT [final bid]	

After some deliberation, West led the four of clubs—an unfortunate choice. East won with the ace and I dropped the nine. At this point East made his first mistake by returning the suit. By the "rule of eleven" I was marked with only one card higher than the four. But if this were the nine, his partner had led low from a six card suit headed by the king-Jack-ten! The more logical conclusion to draw was that the lead was not fourth best, in which case a shift was imperative.

I won the club return with the king and led the heart. West covered, dummy ducked, and East overtook with the king to lead a spade. Having won with the spade king, dummy led the heart ace and a low heart, which East snapped up. Disappointed at not finding the spade ace in his partner's hand, East decided to shift once more—a fatal error.

I won the diamond and overtook the jack of clubs with dummy's queen to knock out the last heart. Nothing could defeat the contract at this stage, since the eight of clubs had been preserved as an entry to bring in the hearts and since I still had a stopper in both spades and diamonds. But had East plugged away consistently at either suit, the defence would have taken five tricks before I could run the hearts.

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Sporting Page

AMERICAN PROSPECTS FOR BERLIN GAMES LOOK VERY BRIGHT

Jesse Owens, the brilliant Ohio State negro track and field athlete, above, is a certainty for the United States team for the Berlin World Olympiad.

SCHMELING IN AMERICA TO K.O. JOE LOUIS

Manager Joe Jacobs "States His Case"

PAULINO UZCUDUN WAS SOFTENED FOR "BOMBER"

New York, April 21.

Max Schmeling to-day arrived from Germany, accompanied by his manager, Joe Jacobs, who announced the Black Uhlan would soon begin training "to knock out Joe Louis."

Jacobs, violently puffing a black vile-smelling cigar, said they planned to remain in New York for several days to select a training site and then go to French Lick Springs, Indiana, for a fortnight's preliminary training.

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R.E.S. WYATT'S GOOD FORM IN EGYPT

Test Captain Takes 6 For 36

Alexandria, March 27.

R. E. S. Wyatt, the English Test captain, showed good all-round form for H.M. Martineau's XI. in their match against Alexandria, which the visitors won by 10 wickets here to-day.

He scored 59 out of the first innings total of 239 for eight declared, and then captured six wickets for 36 when Alexandria were dismissed for 89 in their second innings.

Alexandria.—220 (Fletcher 113; A. W. Childes-Clarke 6 for 31) and 89 (Wyatt 6 for 36, F. R. Brown 4 for 26).

Martineau's XI.—239 for 8 (dec.) (Wyatt 59) and 72 for 1.

—Reuter.

OFFICERS BEAT OTHER RANKS

Friendly Cricket At Shamshuipo

In a friendly cricket match at Shamshuipo Camp yesterday, the Officers of the East Lancashire Regiment beat the Other Ranks by 9 wickets. The scores were:—

Other Ranks: 45 (Sergt. Franklin 12, C. S. M. Elvin 10; Lt. K. W. B. Murphy 6 for 21).

Officers: 146 (Lt. K. W. B. Murphy 54 retired, Lt. J. P. Williams 35, retired).

TOKYO FAVOURED AS OLYMPIC VENUE

COUNT BAILLET LATEUR ON INSPECTION TOUR

JAPANESE TO ERECT STAND FOR 100,000

San Francisco, April 22.

POSSIBILITIES that the 1940 Olympic Games will be staged in Tokyo were enhanced to-day as it became known that Count Baillet Lateur, president of the International Olympic Committee, favours that city as the site for the world's greatest athletic event.

Count Latour, upon his arrival here to-day from Japan, voiced strong support for Tokyo. He said that he had personally surveyed the field for three weeks and he described it as "comparable to any location in Europe or the United States."

The Count said that he intended to make a favourable report on Japan's application for the Olympic Games and asserted "Tokyo has every possible facility to conduct the programme. The final selection is up to the International Committee. If the decision is made to hold the games in Tokyo the city will have my strong support.

"The Japanese, which conduct both summer and winter games, have every means at their disposal. There is a highly desirable location — Meiji Park — in the centre of Tokyo. Track and field are already there. The Japanese assured me that a stadium, with a 100,000 capacity, will be constructed."

Winter Sports

The Count said that the Japanese proposed to hold the winter games at the Saporo or Nikko resorts. They assured him, he added, that transportation rates would be held to a minimum.

If, assigned to Tokyo, the games will be held the last week in August and the first week in September.

Count Latour next will survey the location at Helsingfors, Finland, also an applicant for the 1940 games.—(Associated Press.)

GOLF SURPRISE

Ex-Champion Loses To Chauffeur

Deal, To-day.

In the first round of the English Close Amateur Golf Championship J. Bourn, the former holder, was surprisingly defeated by J. H. Hawkins of Maidenhead, a chauffeur, at the 19th hole.

Two former British champions had hard struggles. E. Martin Smith beat H. B. Bennett, the Buxton artisan, 1 up; and Roger Wethered beat W. R. Kennion of Liphock by 1 hole.

D. S. Piper of Sleaford holed his tee shot at the 4th, which has only been previously accomplished in one championship. —Reuter.

BLIND GOLFER'S PROWESS

JUDGES DISTANCE BY SOUND

(By "FAIR FIELD")

London, March 31.

From Australia comes the story of Mr. David Hunter, secretary of a Sydney branch of the United Australia party, who enjoys his game of golf although he is blind.

He has completed 18 holes in 100 strokes — an amazing performance considering his handicap.

Mr. Hunter's sense of distance, I am told, is uncanny. His longest drive is 220 yards and he putts remarkably well.

"I was taught by a professional," he said. "On the tee I can see the ball in my mind's eye; I touch it lightly with the club, then swing, and drive. In putting I judge distance by a sound made on the metal cup."

E. B. da Roza, above, did not compete in the local swimming championships last season, but will probably be staging a comeback this year. He was formerly one of the fastest sprinters in the Colony.

SENSATIONAL NEW RULES IN SWIMMING?

Japanese Idea Meet With U.S. Approval

START IN WATER AND SWIM ROUND BUOYS

Tokyo, April 20.

In addition to being known as the sharped-tongued spokesman of the Japanese Foreign Office, Mr. Eiji Amau to-day loomed as a potential reformer of the rules in aquatic competition.

In a modern version of the old adage that a prophet often goes unnoticed among his own people, Mr. Amau to-day found that he had been catapulted into the headlines of American sports magazines, when the same idea, written and printed by a Japanese publication under his name, had failed to arouse even the mildest interest.

The story goes back to the invasion of Japan by American swimmers last year. Mr. Amau, who in his more limber days was an adept follower of the Kwankai School of Japanese swimming, went and watched the contests.

Held Advantage

It struck him, so he says in his article, that the tall Americans were at an advantage when competing against his short, stocky countrymen both at the start and at the turns in the tanks.

Thereupon, he suggested that future swimming races should start with the competitors in the water, away from walls that enable them to sprint into action, and that turns should be made around buoys, again away from the side of the tank so that the present practice of pushing against the walls with their feet would be eliminated.

The idea, American magazines indicate, has met with the approval of experts in the United States.—Domei.

FLYWEIGHT BOXING TITLE FIGHT

Small Montano To Meet Benny Lynch

Oakland, Calif., April 22.

Small Montano, Filipino flyweight champion of the world (U.S. recognition) will soon appear in Manila against Little Dado, flyweight champion of the Orient, according to a plan announced to-day by Promoter Leo Leavitt.

Leavitt said he planned to leave with Montano next week for Honolulu, where they would probably spend a month and accept the best offers of rival promoters to appear there. They will then proceed to Manila for the bout with Dado, Leavitt said, and thence to London to meet Benny Lynch, European and World flyweight holder (B.B.B.C. recognition), in a title match.

POLICE MUSKETERY COMPETITIONS

This Year's Prize Winners

The annual prize winners for Musketry and Revolver competitions, 1935, of the Hong Kong Police Force are as follows:—

European Revolver Championship. — Winner, Sub-Inspector W. Ritchie; Runner-up, Acting Police Sergeant Gowans.

The Stubbs Cup.—Winner, Sub-Inspector W. Ritchie.

The Handicap Cup.—Winner, Acting Police Sergeant Gowans; Runner-up, Acting Police Sergeant Russell.

Indian Revolver Champion. — Winner, P.C. B17 Amar Singh; Runner-up, Sub-Inspector Ali Mohamed; Special prize, P.C. B605 Abdul Majid.

Chinese Revolver Championship.—Winner, P.C. C180 Chim Fuk; Runner-up, P.C. C364 Wong Kam-sang.

Weihaiwei Revolver Championship.—Winner, P.C. D104 Yuan Teh-shing.

European Rifle Championship.—Winner, Inspector A. E. Carey; Runner-up, Lance-Sergeant Billingham.

Indian Rifle Championship. — Winner, Corporal B736 Chaun Singh; Runner-up, P.C. B17 Amar Singh.

Weihaiwei Rifle Championship. — Winner, P.C. D131 Shao Hsueh-chi.

East Surrey Cup. — Winner, Wales Acting Sub-Inspector T. A. Hughes, Lance-Sergeants Morris, Davies (A27) Cameron, Haynes, Davies (A200), Sullivan and P.S. Spiers.

TWO UNLUCKY CLUBS

Both Recreio and St. Joseph's are unable to play off their senior League soccer games this afternoon against the East Lancs. and the Police respectively owing to end-of-the-month pressure of work in the offices. These clubs will thus probably have to forfeit the points!

INDIAN CRICKET TEAM SAIL FOR ENGLAND

New Delhi, April 4.—The Indian cricket team, under the captaincy of the Maharajah of Vizianagram, sailed for England to-day on their second unofficial tour. The other members of the team are, Major C. K. Naida, S. Wazir Ali, Mohammed Nissar, L. Amar Nath, V. M. Merchant, M. Baqa Jilani Khan, Amir Elahi Mushtaq Ali, K. R. Meher-Homje, L. P. Jai, S. Bannerji, M. J. Gopalan, P. E. Palia, D. D. Hindlekar, S. M. Hussain, and C. Ramaswamy.

SEVERAL TRACK AND FIELD MARKS GO

RELAY TEAM RECORDS STILL INTACT

AMAZING JUMPING FEATS

New York, April 20.

WHILE this winter's indoor track and field campaign has dropped a few hints that fireworks may be expected in the Olympic Games and the preliminaries next summer, it takes a thorough survey of the record books to show how much speed and strength the United States should have on hand.

Since the 1932 Games at Los Angeles, when most of the present Olympic standards were established, a concerted attack upon the world records has brought better performances in nearly every Olympic event.

Considering only those performances since 1932 which have been officially accepted as world records, the Olympic figures have been surpassed in the 200-metre dash, 1,500-metre run, 110-metre and 400-metre hurdles, high jump, broad jump, pole vault, and shot put, by American athletes, while the 100-metre and 800-metre marks have been equalled. In addition, several better-than-Olympic performances have not yet received official recognition.

That leaves a number of Olympic events which do not appear on most track programmes, such as the 10,000-metre run, 50,000-metre walk, 3,000-metre team race, and the 56 pound shot throw, and a couple of particularly good Olympic feats still untouched.

Untouched Records

For example, no one has equalled Bill Carr's 46.2 seconds for 400-metre or the 14.30 figure recorded in the 5,000-metre duel between Lauri Lehtinen and Ralph Hill at Los Angeles.

Nor have the brilliant 400 and 1,600 metre relay races or of two United States teams been equalled.

On the other hand the 1,500-metre record has taken a terrific pounding, with Bill Bonthron holding the present record of 3.48.8, more than two seconds faster than Luigi Beccali's Olympic mark.

Ralph Metcalfe, Marquette University's Negro star, tied Eddie Tolan's 100 mark and lowered the 200 metre standard to 20.6 in 1933 besides beating Tolan's 21.2 Olympic figure on several occasions.

Fine Jumping

If American stars perform up to expectations in Berlin the jumping records appear to have almost no chance to stand. One of the oldest of Olympic records is Harold Osborn's high jump of 6 feet 6 inches, made in 1924. The current crop of jumpers is just getting warmed up at that height. Walter Marty holds the outdoor world record of 6 feet 9⅛ inches while only recently three jumpers fell just short of the 6 feet 9 inches mark indoors.

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INTERCOLLEGIATE GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP

At North Shore Club On June 22 To 27

New York, March 25.

The intercollegiate golf championship will go west once more, this time to the North Shore Golf Club, Glen View, Ill., according to an announcement made yesterday by John F. Malloy, president of the Intercollegiate Golf Association, Princeton University.

With the University of Michigan team, last year's winner of the team title, and Edward White, University of Texas, the individual champion, this was natural. The dates fixed were June 22 to 27, immediately following the end of the college year in most institutions.

CAPT. EYSTON'S MYSTERIOUS NEW RACING CAR

Out To Smash World Land Speed Record

ON BONNEVILLE SALT FLATS

New York, April 14.

Captain George E. Eyston, famous British racing-driver, arrived in New York to-day en route to the Bonneville salt flats in western Utah, where he hopes to break all motorcar speed records above 100 miles per hour.

Capt. Eyston brought a mysterious special racer, which was carefully guarded.

"Speed Of The Wind"

He raced over the Bonneville flats in September, 1935, establishing a speed of 167.10 m.p.h. with his "Speed of the Wind" special over a 10 mile course with a flying start.

Capt. Eyston's racer is smaller and a different class than the "Bluebird" special in which Sir Malcolm Campbell set the world record in the unlimited class of 301.337 miles per hour in Utah last September.—United Press.

AN AUSTRALIAN TENNIS "STAR"

John Bromwich (New South Wales), the 17-year-old ambidextrous player with freak two-handed backhand, beat D. P. Turnbull, the Davis Cup player, in the South Australian championships final by 6—2, 11—9, 6—1.

DAVIS CUP WIN FOR GERMANY

Von Cramm's Lapse

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Barcelona, To-day.

The Davis Cup contest between Spain and Germany was concluded on Monday when Gottfried von Cramm (Germany), runner-up at Wimbledon, was defeated by Henrique Maier 6—3, 6—2, 6—1, and Hans Henkel (Germany) defeated Alonso 6—2, 6—3, 6—4. The final result was 4 matches to 1 in Germany's favour.

The next contest is that in which Germany figures against Hungary, and will take place from May 15 to 17 at Duesseldorf.—Trans-Ocean Service.

Erna Kompa, seen here with her champion bull-terrier, and her sister Elizabeth Kompa have established several new world records in women's back-stroke swimming events and are almost certain of inclusion in the United States aquatic team for the Berlin Games next August.

INTER-SCHOOL ATHLETICS

Exciting Heats At Caroline Hill

FINALS ON FRIDAY

Some very good performances were witnessed at the Inter-School athletic meeting heats, which were held on the South China Athletic Association ground at Caroline Hill yesterday in fairly hot weather.

La Salle College and St. Joseph's College provided the firsts and seconds in the majority of events with Wah Yan College and the Diocesan Boys' School close behind.

Several praiseworthy efforts were made in the High Jump, which was stopped at 5 feet 4 ins., five competitors entering the final.

The finals will be held on the same ground next Friday afternoon commencing at 2.15 p.m., at the conclusion of which Mr. G. R. Sayer, Director of Education, will distribute the prizes.

Results of yesterday's heats were as follows:—

100 METRES

Heat 1:—1, G. Sequeira (St. Joseph's); 2, To Kai-sing (St. Stephen's).
Time: 11 3/5 secs.

Heat 2:—1, C. Hosegood (C.B.S.); 2, Fung Chan-cheong (Wah Yan).
Time: 12 secs.

Heat 3:—1, D. Knox (D.B.S.); 2, Wong Ki-lun (King's).
Time: 11 4/5 secs.

LONG JUMP

1, Mak Wai-fong (St. Joseph's), Distance 21 ft. 2 ins.; 2, Chan Kwok-hung (D.B.S.), Distance 20 ft. 1 in.; 3, D. Knox (D.B.S.), Distance 20 ft. ½in; 4, Lo Kai-chew (Wah Yan), Distance 19 ft. 9 ins.; Au Yeung Him (King's), Distance 18 ft. 8 ins.; 6, Lam Yu-shing (St. Stephen's), Distance 18 ft.; 6, Lum Mun-chak (St. Stephen's), Distance 18 ft.

800 METRES

Heat 1:—1, A. Ulrich (La Salle); 2, Wong Yan-hing (Wah Yan); 3, T. Petrove (St. Joseph); 4, Wong Cheong-kit (D.B.S.).
Time: 2 min. 20.2/5 secs.

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JUNIOR DIVISION SOCCER MATCH TO-DAY

The Rifles will meet the Fusiliers in a Second Division League soccer match to-day at 3.15 p.m. on the Chatham Road ground.

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U.S. WOMEN AQUATIC STARS FOR BERLIN

Even Chance Against Holland

WELL BALANCED TEAM AVAILABLE

Seattle, Wash., April 20.

An even chance of aquatic victory was accorded American girl swimmers in Berlin this summer, by Mr. Ray Daughters, swimming coach at the Washington Athletic Club, in a special interview.

Mr. Daughters, in a statement on the subject of women's swimming contests in the forthcoming Olympic Games, said: "From my observations of women's swimming since the Olympic Games of 1932. I am convinced that the American girls have an even chance of winning in this year's games at Berlin.

"Naturally, our strongest competition will come from the famous girls of Amsterdam, particularly Miss Willys den Outen, who has been reported as swimming the 100-metre distance in 1 minute 4 seconds, and Miss Rie Mastenbrok, a sensational 400-metre racer.

Best U.S. Performance

"The best performance by an American girl at 100 metres since the last Olympics has been 1.10, by Olive McKean of the Washington Athletic Club of Seattle, who has won the national A.A.U. outdoor championship for the past two years.

"However, it has been my experience that swimmers reach a high peak only once a year and sometimes only once every two years. This is especially true as far as the Olympic Games are concerned. The American girls have been very low in speed standards the past three years, but I feel they have been waiting to some extent for this important event in Berlin. The fact that they have been on a low standard is a 'break' in their favour. They can shoot for a high peak this season.

Well Balance

"We should have a well-balanced team of girls in the Games. In diving we should easily maintain our supremacy. In the breast stroke we find that we have maintained an even pace with foreign competition even though our times have not been sensational.

In the backstroke events the Kompa sisters, Erna and Elizabeth, of New York, have made great strides and we are assured that Mrs. Eleanor Holm Jarrett will again compete for the United States.

Free Style Events

"In the free-style events and the relay we do not have an outstanding performer like Helene Madison in 1932, but we will have sterling performers ready for action. There is Lenore Kight, a consistent record-breaker, and, from Seattle, the national relay champions, Olive McKean, Mary Lou Petty, Betty Lea, and Doris Buckley.

"The performances in the past of Kartherine Rawls promise that she will be an asset to the American team. The fact that Uncle Sam's squad of women swimmers will have balance gives it a big edge for victory."

Ray Sears, one of the finest two milers in the world and holder of Butler College and the American N.A.A.U. titles, is another athlete who is almost sure of his place in the American complement to the Berlin Games.

U.S. BASEBALL RESULTS

Pirates Defeated By Phillies

RUFFING BLANKS INDIANS

New York, To-day.

The following were the results of the major league baseball matches played yesterday:—

National League

	R.	H.	E.
Philadelphia	9	17	3
Norris hit a home run.			
Pittsburgh	7	12	2
Boston	5	14	0
Cincinnatti	2	7	0
Cuyler hit a home run.			

The games between New York and St. Louis and Brooklyn and Chicago were postponed because of the wet weather.

American League

Cleveland	0	4	0
Ruffing pitched.			
New York	2	9	1
Lou Gehrig hit a home run.			
Chicago	8	13	1
Kreevitch and Dykes hit home runs.			
Boston	11	16	1
Foxx hit a home run.			
St. Louis	2	6	0
Solters hit a homer run.			
Philadelphia	4	9	1
Peters hit a home run.			
Detroit	8	12	1
Goose Goslin and Hank Greenburg hit home runs.			
Washington	1	8	1

—Reuter.

LOCAL BASEBALL SEASON

Six Teams Enter This Year

At a meeting of local baseball enthusiasts, at the European Y.M.C.A. yesterday, it was announced that entries had been received from the Canadians, Americans, Japanese, Chinese and the Volunteers for the coming season, while it was also stated that when the U.S.S. Mindanao arrives in port she will also take part in the League.

Matches will be played on Sunday mornings at Caroline Hill, two matches will be decided each week, the first one to start at 9.30 a.m. and the second to follow immediately after, the games to be decided over seven innings.

It was stated that there were prospects of a trophy being presented for competition this season.

Clubs which were not represented at the meeting but are desirous of competing are asked to communicate with Mr. Muir, care of the Dairy Farm Co., Ltd.

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The first match on Sunday, May 17, will in all probability be between the Japanese and the Canadians.

SIX BEST BOWLERS IN THEIR ATTACK

CAPTAIN R.E.H. HUDSON FOR KENT

WEAKNESS IN BOWLING

London, April 8.

FIFTEEN years have passed since the county cricket championship came south, but if all-round keenness and enthusiastic leadership are furthered by good fortune, Middlesex may offer the leaders a serious challenge in the coming season. R. W. V. Robins, who kept the side so well on its toes last year, will again act as captain, and will have at his disposal a slightly stronger combination of players.

The chief difficulty is to find another really first-rate batsman to back up the splendidly consistent work of Hendren. When Edrich completes his qualification he may possibly fulfil this part, but he cannot be included in the team until next year.

Meanwhile, J. H. Human is a batsman from whom the team may reasonably expect a more consistent run of good scores, and Robins himself is capable of laying the wood on with a will.

To championship aspirants, attack is of supreme importance, and it is in this department of the game that Middlesex will enjoy added strength. A. D. Baxter will now be a fairly regular member of the team and G. O. Allen is expected to be able to play for at least half the season. These two stalwarts, together with Smith, make up a formidable spearpoint of fast bowling.

Six Best Bowlers

L. A. R. Peebles will be available for about eighteen matches, and his spin bowling will be supplemented by that of Robins and Sims.

The county will thus enjoy the services of six of the best bowlers in the country—a weight and variety of attack superior to that of all competitors. Unfortunately for followers of Middlesex H. G. Owen-Smith has his finals to consider at the end of the summer, so that not very much will be seen of this attractive and great-hearted cricketer.

Consistent Batting Needed

Essex did some impressive giant-killing last season, and they are likely to repeat these startling performances whenever conditions favour their attack. Nichols and H. D. Read, who are good at any time, become almost unplayable when the wicket is fiery or crumbling. But wickets are not always in this state, failing which even these two, well supported by the patient and tireless work of Eastman, can scarcely be expected to tumble out good sides for next to nothing.

More consistent batting will be necessary if Essex are to take full advantage of their attack. During the coming season hopes in this respect will depend more upon the improved form of the established players than upon the advent of newcomers.

Nichols, O'Connor, and Cutmore will again form the backbone of the batting, and to these must now be added T. N. Pearce, a greatly improved batsman who played many splendid innings last year. Pearce will again share the captaincy with D. R. Wilcox.

Two Evergreen Veterans

While incomparable Woolley and the pocket-wizard Freeman are still in full activity, Kent will always be among the most engaging sides to watch. But their retirement cannot be postponed for ever, and when they do go the county will be faced with something of a poser.

Happily the two champions are still with us, and hungry for their annual toll of runs and wickets. Of the coming men, Todd and Fagg are already outstanding, and the only newcomer likely to be given a trial this season is Capt. R. E. H. Hudson, of Army fame.

A. P. F. Chapman will again lead the team, with B. H. Valetine as vice-captain, but if these two leaders are unable to play as much as usual owing to business calls, L. S. Akers-Douglas will captain the side in their absence.

Surrey Bowling Hopes

Surrey have never been short of capable rungetters. E. R. T. Holmes, who will continue in the captaincy, in his own person greatly increases the side's strength in this respect. The regular inclusion of Fishlock, the capable left-hander, is also a great advantage.

Sandham, still a batsman of the very front rank, has recently charmed spectators with an increasing sprightliness of action in going for quick runs, and if Squires would follow his example the whole team could bat at a rattling speed throughout.

Bowling was the weakness last year. Gover was as good as ever, but P. G. H. Fender, though second to none in cricket-craft, did not quite retain his old control of the ball.

Hopes are raised this year by the fact that F. R. Brown will be available for regular play, and that M. J. C. Allom will be able with his fast bowling to share the burden borne by Gover. It is also hoped that Parker, whose health has greatly improved, may recover his best form as a bowler.

SOUTH AFRICAN TENNIS

Mrs. Bobbie Heine Miller Stages "Comeback"

Mrs. Bobbie Heine Miller, the former South African champion, crowned a successful "comeback" to first-class lawn tennis by regaining the South African Women's Singles Championship at Johannesburg.

N. G. Farquharson, the Men's Singles Champion, won the Doubles title in partnership with V. G. Kirby.

SCHMELING IN AMERICA TO K.O. JOE LOUIS

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Promoter Mike Jacobs yesterday announced that the Louis-Schmeling fight, which will probably determine the challenger for the heavyweight title now held by Jimmy Braddock, will be held in the Yankee Stadium, on June 18.

Distance Argument

Promoter Jacobs, who last week offered to sell the bout to the exposition at San Diego, California, said the negotiations had been discontinued because California's 10 round boxing limit could not be extended. The bout between Detroit's Brown Bomber and Schmeling must be a 15 round affair, he said.

"On the basis of his last two fights," Joe Jacobs recently said, "Max is a cinch to win. He kayoed Steve Hamas in Germany last March. And what have you heard from Steve since then? Nothing, because Max ruined him.

"Softened Him"

"Last July in Barcelona, Maxie beat Paulino Uzcudun up something awful and then the best he got from the local officials was a draw."

Did Jacobs remember that Louis recently knocked Paulino out without any trouble?

"Sure, Schmeling softened him up."—(United Press).

INTER-SCHOOL ATHLETICS

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Heat 2:—1, A. Sequeira (St. Joseph's); 2, Chan Kwok-hung (D.B.S.); 3, Ngo Chin-eng (St. Stephen's); 4, Ismail Ali (Queen's). Time: 2 min. 22 secs.

POLE VAULT

1, Kwong Yue-ming (Queen's); 2, Cheung Wong-joo (St. Stephen's); 3, Lam Yu-shing (St. Stephen's); 4, J. Woo (St. Joseph's); 5, S. Ding (St. Joseph's); 6, Leung Kei-hing (Wah Yan).

200 METRES

Heat 1:—1, G. Sequeira (St. Joseph's); 2, C. Hosegood (C.B.S.). Time: 24 secs.

Heat 2:—1, Fung Chan-cheong (Wah Yan); 2, Kwok Ming-hoi (Queen's). Time: 25.4/5 secs.

Heat 3:—1, P. Castro (La Salle); 2, H. Souza (St. Joseph's). Time: 25 secs.

SHOT PUT

1, D. Knox (D.B.S.), Distance 39 ft. 10½ ins.; 2, S. Barzacki (St. Joseph's), Distance 38 ft. 10 ins.; 3, Tan Kai-chuen (Wah Yan), Distance 38 ft. 6½ ins.; 4, Toh Kai-seng (St. Stephen's), Distance 34 ft. 7½ ins.; 5, P. Castro (La Salle), Distance 34 ft. 2½ ins.; 6, J. Woo (St. Joseph's), Distance 33 ft. 7 ins.

400 METRES

Heat 1:—1, Au Kwong-wai (King's); 2, E. Cheung (D.B.S.). Time: 60 secs.

Heat 2:—1, W. Gottsche (La Salle), Leung Man-ching (St. Joseph's). Time: 56.3/5 secs.

Heat 3:—1, Au Kwong-wai (St. Paul's); 2, C. Hosegood (C.B.S.). Time: 59.2/5 secs.

HIGH JUMP

1, D. Knox (D.B.S.); 2, Wong Kam-tin (Queen's); 3, S. Ding (St. Joseph's); 4, San Chung-kin (Wah Yan); 5, Au Tin-yam (King's).

1,500 METRES

Heat 1:—1, Wong Yan-hing (Wah Yan); 2, E. Rodgers (C.B.S.); 3, J. Winyard (D.B.S.); 4, E. Petrove (St. Joseph's). Time: 5 min. 2 secs.

Heat 2:—1, A. Sequeira (St. Joseph's); 2, Ismail Ali (Queen's); 3, Chan Wah-kuen (St. Paul's); 4, A. Ulrich (La Salle). Time: 5 min. 13 secs.

110 METRES HIGH HURDLES

Heat 1:—1, D. Knox (D.B.S.). Time: 17 secs.

Heat 2:—1, San Chuen-kin (Wah Yan); 2, Lau Ming-sum (St. Paul's). Time: 19.1/5 secs.

Heat 3:—1, W. Chen (St. Joseph's). Time: 20 secs.

MEDLEY RELAY RACE

Heat 1:—1, St. Joseph's; 2, King's; 2, C.B.S. and D.B.S. (dead heat). Time: 2 min. 45 secs.

Heat 2:—1, La Salle, 2, Wah Yan; 3, St. Paul's. Time: 2 min. 50 secs.

SEVERAL TRACK AND FIELD MARKS GO

(Continued from Page 4)

Jesse Owens of Ohio State University, has applied for a broad jump record of 26 feet 8¼ inches, 15½ inches better than Ed Hamm's Olympic record, while Eulace Peacock, another Negro, has come close to that mark in addition to running 100 metres in 10.2 seconds with the aid of a slight wind last summer. The official pole vault mark has been boosted to 14 feet 5⅛ inches, more than three inches above Bill Miller's record leap at Los Angeles. Even the hop step and jump mark of 57 feet 7 inches, while officially unbeaten, has not been entirely safe. Metcalfe was credited with a triple leap of 51 feet 9⅜ inches in Australia last summer.

More Records

Percy Beard, Leroy Kirkpatrick, and Al Morean, were all credited with doing the 110-yard high hurdles in 14.2 seconds, as compared with the Olympic figure of 14.4, which Glenn Hardin, who ran the 400-yard hurdles in 52 seconds in the Olympic games, has since done 50.6.

Jack Torrance has made the Olympic shot put mark of 52 feet 6-3/16 inches look easy with heaves of more than 57 feet. Unofficially, Dunn has gone beyond 170 feet in the discus throw, and Henry Dreyer has thrown the hammer 181½ feet, both well beyond the Olympic standard.

And so, taking it all in all, America seems to have a good chance of making herself heard at the coming Olympics.—Reuter.

LAWSON LITTLE'S DECISION

London, March 27.

Anyone who has played golf in strange lands or toured extensively alone knows just how expensive an occupation it is. W. Lawson Little, amateur champion of Britain and America, must have run through thousands of dollars a year in pursuit of the game. He has done the wisest possible thing in turning "business man golfer."

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Soviet Russia As A Good Neighbour

Mr. Stalin, in an interview published in a London paper recently, disclaimed any idea of the Soviet Union endeavouring to force its theories on other nations. There is evidence abundant enough that in earlier days the Russian Communists were eager to spread their doctrines of government outside their own borders. If that form of evangelism is no longer a part of policy it is because the Soviets have become immersed in the tremendous effort to revive Russia internally. A clear recognition on M. Stalin's part that revolution cannot be exported will, if adhered to, make for the peace of the world. There is that in the interview that suggests sound reasons why in this particular matter Russia should be anxious to be the good neighbour. The two principal dangers to world peace of which M. Stalin talks with frankness are both so situated that war could not arise without Russia being immediately involved. "There are two focal points of danger," he says, "one in the Far East, in the zone of Japan, and the other in Europe, in the zone of Germany."

On how little peace may hang is seen in M. Stalin's assertion that if Japan attacks the Mongolian People's Republic, "we shall have to help that Republic." This is a warning rather than a threat, for almost in the same breath M. Stalin asserts that the masses of people everywhere have strong objection to war. The danger, if clearly recognised, can be avoided. M. Stalin at least professes his own belief that the forces working for peace in the world are gaining in strength, and among the more powerful of these he sets the League of Nations and the Franco-Soviet pact. M. Stalin is, in reality, doing no more than giving expression to the uneasiness that affects the minds of statesmen everywhere. No harm can be done by his open discussion of the more apparent dangers, since the recognition of these must be a preliminary to their removal. The firm assurance that on her part Russia has no aggressive intention should make more easy the search for understandings that will be a preventive of any serious breach of the peace.

Food From Wood

One of the hardest sayings we have encountered for a long time was uttered by Prof. Bergius, of Heidelberg University, in London last month. He told an international conference on timber utilisation and research that "one acre of woodland can grow as much foodstuffs as an acre of arable land." German science, he said, had solved the problem of getting food from wood. Not in the shape of "hard, dry, indigestible chips," such as flew from the strokes of Mr. Gladstone's axe years ago, but of raw wood sugar, alcohol, yeast, glycerine, protein, carbohydrates — in fact, many, perhaps most, of the "elements necessary for feeding mankind." It does not sound an attractive diet, but no doubt German scientific ingenuity will find the means to provide the appropriate flavours, and Dr. Goebbels will supply the propaganda which will persuade the well-trained rising generation that these wood menus are even more nourishing and appetising than roast pork and roast goose.

Still, as with Nebuchadnezzar of old, the unwonted food — grass in his case—though wholesome, may not taste good, and the experimental stages, happily, may well be long. The German is vastly clever in the production of substitutes, but it is observable that the old Adam in him still craves for the real thing and prefers it to "ersatz" when he gets the chance. As an argument for afforestation, however, the Professor's bold declaration will come in very usefully. It may even reconcile our deeply offended Wordsworthian aesthetes to the sight of a few pine forests on the bare slopes of the Lakeland hills. They can now interpret them to their inward eye as yeast, grease, protein, carbohydrates and alcohol, and be satisfied with it.

LOCAL TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

One Fatality Last Week

Altogether 41 traffic accidents, involving one death and injuries to 17 persons, were reported to the authorities in the week ended April 25.

The person killed met his death when running across the roadway. Seven people were injured by this means, two when walking on the roadway, one when stepping off a footpath, one in a collision between vehicles, one in a collision between vehicles also involving damage to property, four when jumping on or off, or falling off, a vehicle when in motion, and one when a vehicle ran off the roadway down the hillside.

There were 22 collisions between vehicles during the week, two of them also involving damage to property.

SEQUEL TO RAID ON CLUB

Blackboards In Court

A blackboard containing the names of horses and another board with tape machine messages upon it were shown at Guildhall last month, when the hearing was resumed of charges arising from a police raid on Aldersgate Social Club, E.C. Automatic machines, taken to court in a motor van, were also exhibited.

At a previous hearing 37 men were bound over on charges of being found on the premises.

Charges under the Betting Act were with drawn and Harry Samuels, aged 50, club proprietor, Louis Coleman, Hanbury-street, Spitalfields, and Rudolph Cohen, Brondesbury-villas, Kilburn, pleaded guilty to summonses under the Gaming Act.

Samuels was fined £80 with 20 guineas costs, Cohen £20, and Coleman £10.

The club was struck off and the premises disqualified for 12 months for use as a club which required registration.

EXPLANATION OF TO-DAY'S CARTOON

Handicapped Piano Playing

NAOMI Thorne, known as "Santa Fe Kate," well-known around her home city, Santa Fe, New Mexico, accomplishes the seemingly impossible. She plays the piano blindfolded, wearing heavy gloves or mittens, with a blanket spread over the keyboards. Miss Thorne has a repertoire of thousands of numbers, and has been playing in theatres and private entertainments since she was eleven years old.

The Disease Doll Of Hungary

AT a medical congress held in Budapest in 1928, an exhibition was held of charms still in use among the Hungarians. Included in the unique collection were nine rag dolls used on nine successive days to swab the throat of a diphtheritic child, and then thrown on the road to transfer the disease to the first passer-by who picked it up.

Here There and Everywhere

GENERAL POST IN WHITEHALL

The Government's plans for a great departmental building on the site of Whitehall-gardens houses and Montagu House will involve, in the first instance, the transference of Mr. Hore-Belisha and his Ministry of Transport staff.

In reply, Mr. Hore-Belisha has claimed possession of the major part of the accommodation afforded by the Whitehall Gardens premises. These houses are to be pulled down at the beginning of next year.

Sir Maurice Hankey will also have to be provided with new offices.

Sir Thomas Inskip's tenancy at No. 2, Whitehall-gardens, will be cut short by the invasion of the housebreakers.

Mr. Ormsby-Gore is now planning how to accommodate temporarily all those who will be deprived of their present quarters.

Your Daily Smile!

"The muted saxophone is an excellent idea," says a jazz leader. An even better idea is to stuff cotton-wool in the ears.

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Among other devices that show how notably civilisation has improved our morals are cash registers, combination locks, and burglar alarms.

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"Is it too late to start writing poetry at sixty-five?" asks the writer of a letter to a daily paper. On the contrary, it's far too early.

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According to a contemporary, the modern burglar is still two steps ahead of the police. That is where the long arm of the law should come in handy.

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During the hearing of a recent accident case, the magistrate said that to propose marriage to a girl while driving a motor-car was asking for trouble. Why "while driving a motor-car?"

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RESPECTABLE

"I believe chess is a more reputable game than bridge."

"In what way?'"

"You play chess with two bishops, and bridge with four knaves."

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SO SUDDEN!

Jack: "I'm thinking of asking some girl to marry me. What do you think of the idea?"

Jill: "It's a great idea, if you ask me."

AN ENLIGHTENED DESPOT

FUAD'S TURBULENT REIGN

EGYPT'S FIRST CONSTITUTIONAL MONARCH

AHMED FUAD, who died yesterday, was Egypt's first constitutional King, but it was in spite of himself, for his great ambition was to rule despotically like his father, the famous Khedive Ismail.

He wished to govern the country from the Palace and he had a strong dislike of Parliament, which he tried to get rid of as often as possible. But this was not easy, because Britain had used her influence to place King Fuad on the throne in 1923 as a constitutional monarch and Britain's power in Egypt was paramount.

King Fuad was, however, an enlightened despot and an indefatigable worker. Many of the distinguished foreigners who visited him at Abdin Palace were surprised at his erudition. He spoke fluent French in a rasping voice and occasionally a little English, which he used on his state visit to England in 1927. His chief language was Turkish and he knew little Arabic, although it was the language of the 14,000,000 people over whom he ruled.

The King was a thick-set man of fair complexion, and a well-waxed moustache surmounted a heavy jowl. He was the great grandson of the famous Albanian, Mohamed Ali, who defeated a British regiment and would have overthrown the Ottoman Empire if it had not been for the interference of Palmerston and the European powers. Ahmed Fuad inherited much of his ability, and learned wisdom from the failures of both his great-grandfather and father.

Scylla And Charybdis

King Fuad worked night and day to increase the power of the throne, but he had to act with considerable circumspection and to steer clear of the Charybdis of British power on one side, and the Scylla of nationalism on the other.

When the British Government relinquished the British Protectorate by a unilateral declaration in 1922, Egypt was declared independent, a new constitution was introduced the next year and King Fuad was made a constitutional monarch. Elections were held for the first Parliament and King Fuad had to hold his hand and accept the Nationalist successes, because it was Britain's wish that Egypt should have a democratic regime, and there was a British Army of Occupation in Cairo, Alexandria and Ismailia.

On the other hand King Fuad had to cope with the national hero, the late Saad Zaghlul, and the Wafd Party, which championed Egyptian independence and freedom from autocracy. The Nationalists, although they protested their loyalty, were indirectly the successors of Ahmed Arabi, the Egyptian, who would have overthrown Tewfik, the Khedive Ismail's successor, had it not been for the British bombardment of Alexandria and the invasion of Egypt.

Both these forces watched King Fuad carefully because neither at first wished him to increase his prerogatives. The King, however, managed with considerable ingenuity to play off the one against the other, with the result that he gradually increased the royal prerogatives and in a few years managed to abolish Parliament.

Exile Of Ismail

Ahmed Fuad, the youngest son of Ismail, was born at Giza Palace on March 26, 1868. It was a period when Egypt's finances were in chaos as a result of Ismail's extravagances and the intrigues of European financiers. In 1876 a climax was reached when the Khedive suspended payment of Treasury Bills and Egypt's debt amounted to £91,000,000. Three years later, as a result of pressure brought to bear on Turkey by Britain and the other Great Powers, Ismail was deposed.

His father's exile made a deep impression on Prince Fuad, who at the time was being educated in Switzerland. When he eventually became Sultan and later King of Egypt through Britain's influence, he was always insistent that Egypt's finances should be stable, although his own civil list was kept high. He realised that Egypt had lost her independence in the first place as a result of an unsound financial policy and that care would have to be exercised if she were to retain her newly-won freedom.

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"BELIEVE IT OR NOT" by Robert L. Ripley.

AN ENGLIGHTENED DESPOT

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At the age of 7 Prince Fuad was sent to a school in Cairo which had been especially started for the Khedive Ismail's children. After three years he was sent to the Toudikon School in Geneva to study for a further two years.

Great Promise Shown

From there he went on to the Italian Military School at Turin, where Victor Emmanuel, the future King of Italy, was also a cadet. Prince Fuad showed great promise in the Italian Field Artillery.

His father had been deposed soon after he had arrived in Switzerland and he was abroad through the troublesome times of the Arabi revolt, the British bombardment of Alexandria and the invasion of Egypt.

In 1880, after Abbas Hilmy had succeeded Tewfik as Khedive, Prince Fuad went to Constantinople to see his exiled father. There he was presented to his suzerain, the Sultan Abdul Hamid, who appointed him Military Attache to the Turkish Embassy in Vienna.

After a time he returned to Egypt as Aide-de-Camp to the Khedive Abbas Hilmi. Prince Fuad showed himself at this time to be a young man of considerable energy and wide interests. He concerned himself with numerous charitable and educational institutions. He was also largely responsible for founding the Egyptian University and was its first President.

Attempt On His Life

In 1896, at the age of 28, he married Princess Chivekar, daughter of his cousin, Prince Ibrahim Fuad. She was the sister of Prince Seif el Din, who as a result of a quarrel with Prince Fuad was exiled from Egypt and for some time an inmate of Ticehurst Lunatic Asylum, in Sussex.

Prince Seif el Din believed that Fuad was maltreating his sister and, roused to fury one day, he rushed into the fashionable Mohamed Ali Club in Cairo and fired a revolver at Prince Fuad who was sitting in the lounge. There was consternation among the many Egyptian politicians and diplomats who were sitting round sipping their coffee and playing chess. Prince Fuad fell with a wound in the throat and Prince Seif el Din was arrested.

The injured Prince recovered after a little time but it left him with a wound which produced a curious intake of breath when he was excited or embarrased while talking.

Prince Seif el Din was declared mentally unbalanced and was saved from imprisonment. He was later transferred from Egypt to a mental home at Ticehurst. After a little time he managed a sensational escape with the help of a warder who fled abroad with him. They went to Constantinople, where the Prince took up residence. From there he made numerous attempts to regain his property in Egypt.

Proclamation Issued

In 1913 Lord Kitchener as High Commissioner introduced measures for the extension of the Legislature, but on the outbreak of war and because of the strategic importance to Britain of Egypt and the Suez Canal it was felt that it was no time for constitutional experiments.

On December 18, 1914, a proclamation was issued in which Egypt was declared a British protectorate, thus ending Turkish suzerainty over Egypt, and a bond of many centuries was broken.

A second proclamation issued the next day announced that Abbas Hilmi Pasha, the Khedive, was deposed on the grounds of adherence to the King's enemies, and that Prince Hussein Kemal had accepted the succession as Sultan of Egypt.

The Protectorate

The proclamation of the protectorate, which placed a Moslem country under a Christian power *de jure* as well as *de facto*, was a great stimulus to Egyptian Nationalism, which eventually culminated in riots and serious bloodshed. A promise had also been made that the Egyptians would not be involved in the war. But as Egypt was a base for the operations in Palestine and Syria camels, fodder and food had to be commandeered. About 140,000 members of the Egyptian Labour Corps were also sent to France and Mesopatamia and many of them lost their lives.

All through the troublous times of 1918 and 1919 when Pashas Zaghlul, Sidky, Mohamed Mahmud and Hamed el Bassel were deported to Malta, the Sultan counted little in the affairs of the country. The contest was between the Egyptian Nationalists and the British.

Sultan Fuad took part in the Red Cross activities during the war and an interest in public service of various kinds. He had divorced his first wife three years after the marriage and married in March, 1919, Princess Nazli, daughter of Abdel Rahim Sabri Pasha, a former Governor of Cairo. He had one daughter by his first wife, Princess Fawkia, who in 1919 married Mahmud Pasha Fakry, many years Egyptian Minister to France.

Proclaimed King

After the Declaration of Egyptian Independence on February 28, 1922, Fuad began to take a little more part in Egyptian affairs and on March 16 he was proclaimed King of Egypt.

For many months Rushdi Pasha's Commission worked on the draft of the new Constitution which was passed on April 19, 1923. But not without an incident with the King. In the first draft it was stated that the King should be styled "King of Egypt and the Sudan". Lord Allenby, then High Commissioner, had to intervene for the suppression of this article, and another was substituted in which it was stated that the title of the King of Egypt would be established after duly-accredited negotiators had definitely fixed the status of the Sudan. Numerous fruitless negotiations were carried out within the next 10 years for the conclusion of an Anglo-Egyptian treaty, which would settle the four points which were reserved at the time of the declaration of independence and the status of the Sudan.

Turbulent Years

The next few years in Egypt were turbulent. Zaghlul returned from Malta and at the elections the Wafd gained a large majority so that Saad Zaghlul was in a position to form a cabinet. The next year he proceeded to London to negotiate a treaty with Mr. Ramsay MacDonald and the Labour Cabinet, but he showed himself to be too intransigent in his demands. Following Zaghlul's statement in the Egyptian Parliament that it was humiliating that the Sirdar and Governor-General of the Sudan, Sir Lee Stack, should be a foreigner, the Sirdar was some months later assassinated.

The British Government at once took vigorous action: warships were despatched and an ultimatum delivered. Subsequently, Zaghlul, Nahas Pasha, Makram Ebeid and others were deported to the Seychelles.

With the departure of many of the Wafd leaders the King began to come more into the open, and to profit by the anti-Wafd feelings which were now felt by the British. Ziwar Pasha formed a Coalition Government in 1925 following new elections, but when it was found that the majority of Parliament were Zaghlulists Parliament was dissolved and government was carried on without it. While Ziwar Pasha was away in London the King, through Nashaat Pasha, a Palace official, increased his control and governed the country through the palace.

Lord Lloyd's Arrival

When Lord Lloyd arrived in Egypt in October, 1925, as the new High Commissioner, it looked as if King Fuad was well on the road to establish himself as an autocrat. Having dealt successfully with the Wafdists and Liberals, the King thought that he would have the sympathy of the new High Commissioner, who did not seem overdemocratic in his leanings.

King Fuad was surprised, however, to find that Lord Lloyd insisted that he should behave more constitutionally. He demanded the dismissal of Nashaat Pasha, and that elections should be held. This was done in May of the next year, and the Wafd Party had an overwhelming majority. As a result it was not long before there was a crisis between the Wafd and the British Government, and Lord Lloyd asserted himself.

In 1927 King Fuad with Sarwat Pasha, the Prime Minister, paid a state visit to England. There had been doubts in some quarters as to whether King Fuad would be granted the full honours of an independent sovereign, since there were still four important questions which had been reserved for settlement by an Anglo-Egyptian Treaty. Great Britain was still responsible for the protection of the lives and property of foreigners and the British Army of Occupation remained in the heart of Egypt.

Warm Reception

King Fuad, however, was given a warm reception as an independent sovereign and this made a very favourable impression in Egypt. The opportunity was taken to reopen negotiations for an Anglo-Egyptian Treaty. The King paid a visit to Rome in August and returned in November to Egypt, where he received for the first time what amounted to a popular ovation. The King was at this moment in a strong position, too, because British feeling was anti-Wafd, as the party had turned down the terms of the treaty brought back by Sarwat Pasha.

In June, 1928, a sensational trial took place which was intended to discredit the Wafd leaders, but they were acquitted and their popularity increased. The trial concerned the administration of the vast property in Egypt belonging to Prince Seif el Din, who was now living in exile at Constantinople after his escape from Ticehurst.

King Fuad took advantage of this trial to force the Wafd Cabinet from office, and suddenly on July 20 a royal decree was issued dissolving Parliament and suspending the Parliamentary regime for three years. Mohamed Pasha Mahmud, a liberal politician of integrity and a bitter opponent of the Wafd, was made Prime Minister.

Another Attempt

During the dictatorship of Mohamed Mahmud Pasha another attempt was made to settle the outstanding questions between Britain and Egypt by a treaty. The Labour Government then in power insisted, however, that the terms should be submitted to the electorate before it could be signed. The result was that the Wafd came back to power with a big majority, and the dictatorship was ended.

For the first time a fully representative Wafd delegation went to London to negotiate a treaty on the basis of the draft accepted by Mohamed Mahmud Pasha. After protracted discussions they refused to accept the British Government's terms, and returned to Egypt with their popularity increased.

The King found himself in a difficult position. If the Wafd played their cards well there was no reason for the British to interfere and he would have to accept a distasteful Government for some time. But the Wafd did not play their cards well. They were provoked by the King's tactics of delaying putting his signature to legislation, some of which was certainly unwise, and Nahas Pasha played into the King's hands by resigning office.

Mantle Of Autocracy

This was a turning-point in the King's reign. From now on he was able to assume the mantle of the autocratic Mohamed Ali dynasty. With the help of an able administrator, Ismail Sidky Pasha, he dissolved Parliament, a new Constitution was drawn up, and a new Electoral law passed by decree. Both measures were directed at breaking the power of the Wafd and increasing that of the King, and they were surprisingly successful. The elections were turbulent and there was considerable loss of life, but a puppet Parliament was eventually elected and it was argued that everything had been done constitutionally.

The British Government washed their hands of the whole affair. At the time of the last treaty negotiations the British Government announced that there would be no interference in the internal affairs of Egypt. This meant that Great Britain, with her large army of occupation, lent tacit support to whatever Government was in power, and the King's Government looked as if it were going to remain in power for some time.

Settled Government

Egypt for a comparatively long period enjoyed a settled government and the opposition had little chance of raising their heads. Ismail Sidky Pasha wished to sign an Anglo-Egyptian Treaty, but the British Government was not over eager, considering the dictatorial nature of the administration.

During his term of office the Prime Minister brought about a settlement with Abbas Hilmi, the ex-Khedive of Egypt, which was of great satisfaction to the King. The latter had never felt entirely secure on the throne while the able and astute Abbas Hilmi remained a possible rival; but according to the settlement the ex-Khedive agreed to recognise King Fuad, and his heirs, as King of Egypt and to renounce any claim of his own to the throne.

King Fuad was a difficult man to work under and very few Ministers were prepared to put up for long with his autocratic treatment of them. There came a time when even the suave and diplomatic Sidky Pasha had to throw in his hand and in September, 1933, after returning from a health cure in Europe he resigned.

The King then chose his Cabinet before even selecting a Prime Minister and when Abdul Fattah Yehia Pasha, who was hastily summoned from abroad, arrived in Egypt the King handed him the list of his Cabinet!

King Fuad's heir is Prince Faruk, born February 11, 1920. He has been well educated in Europe, languages and general culture, always with the consideration that he would one day succeed his father as King of Egypt. He is fond of riding and other sports.

King Fuad also leaves four daughters, younger than Prince Faruk. They are Princesses Fawzia, Fazia, Faika and Fathia.

To-day's Complete Short Story

THE OLD PSYCHOLOGY

By Nora Mitchell

NOEL BAINBRIDGE had not always been poor, but seeing him now, as he walked along the Strand, through the foggy, bitterly cold, cheerless evening, it was hard to believe. The fact remained: he had not always been poor. Not so very long ago—ten months to be precise—he had been his uncle John Bainbridge's right-hand man.

That was in the days when the two Bainbridges, neither looking very much farther than his nose, had sat in a sumptuously furnished office for a limited number of hours per day, and made—or thought they made—a good living out of supplying, on a big scale, office furniture and equipment.

Sixty-five and unmarried, Uncle John drew little from the business because his needs were few and small. Nephew Noel, forty years younger, and very much in love with himself, made up for this accommodating defect, for the needs of a young man intent on enjoying life are many and extremely varied.

Uncle John, of course, knew all this, but because he intended naming Noel as his sole beneficiary, just smiled. He was a genial old soul and liked to see the enjoyment which his money could bring.

And so things went along prettily until the day that Uncle John had performed his last business deal. He was laid to rest in a quiet little cemetery and Noel found himself the sole proprietor of the concern.

But not for long. Quickly it was discovered that things were not so prosperous as they had seemed. Competition of newer and more up-to-date firms was rocking the once solid foundations of Uncle John's business.

TO-MORROW'S STORY

Monday's story will be "Danger: Men at Work," by Robert J. Bailie.

The affairs of Bainbridge's were duly wound up. More by good luck than management, the balance-sheet was on the right side. When the auctioneer's hammer had done its work, and the last creditor had been paid, Noel found himself with a cheque for one hundred pounds and youth as his sole assets.

At first he had been optimistic—surely he would soon find some suitable employment. But months passed without result and he found his courage ebbing. Avoiding familiar haunts where he might meet old friends, slowly he found himself drifting into a sort of apathy.

Though he realised the overcrowded state of the labour market, and the consequent extreme difficulty of finding employment, nevertheless the continual refusals gave him a sense of inferiority and he no longer walked jauntily.

He had five pounds left, and if something did not happen very soon the day was looming up when he would join the Embankment sleepers! He felt profoundly miserable.

As he turned off from the Strand, Noel wondered what to do next. To add to the sordidness of the evening, a fine drizzle had set in, and if he didn't find shelter somewhere he would soon be drenched to the skin. It was useless returning to his attic room. It was almost as cold and cheerless as the streets.

The drizzle increased and began to sting his face. He looked round quickly for a porch or doorway in which to shelter; and then his questing eyes noticed the illuminated doorway through which two or three people were passing. There was an oblong piece of paper pasted on the wall outside. Yes, more people were passing inside to comfort and dryness.

Noel hurried across the road and scanned the damp poster which was beginning to peel from the wall. It appeared that Professor Foster had hired a room on the second

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SLOW AND COSTLY LITIGATION

Judge Crawford's Criticism

An important plea for reform in the courts to expediate justice and lessen the cost is made by Judge J. D. Crawford, who spent 30 years at the Bar and retired in 1934 after 16 years as judge of county courts in Middlesex and Essex.

He has written a book, published last month, of "Reflections and Recollections." (Marchand Press. 12s. 6d.). In it he says, in regard to the High Courts.

"Cost is too great, delay is too great. These are evils. When evils exist it is the business of statesmen to remove them."

"Our boast of the purity of our justice becomes almost a mockery if the cost is so great as to make men and women submit to an injustice rather than face a bill of costs which may spell ruin.

"I see no reason at all why litigation might not be made cheaper and less dilatory without in any way imperilling the admiration in which our courts are justly held."

Denial Of Justice

After his long experience he says bluntly that the cost of litigation has appalled him; that it amounts to a denial of justice.

Judge Crawford believes that a remedy is to be found in a wide extension of the County Court system. There are few places of importance in England and Wales, he points out, where the County Courts, which sit for 11 months of the year, are not in close proximity to the place where the parties and witnesses reside.

He regards as ludicrous the present system of limiting County Court jurisdiction to claims that do not exceed £100. It is, he says, illogical and absurd.

Adaptation Lacking

One of many reasons he gives for a vast extension of the County Court system is that Assize arrangements have not been adapted to the changes in centres of population.

He points out that a claim in respect of a street accident in Plymouth, which, with Devonport, has 300,000 people, may necessitate a hearing at Exeter, with a population of about 66,000.

Winchester, an ancient city with a population of about 23,000, is the Assize town for the whole of Hampshire, although Southampton has a population of 176,000.

INJURIES IN AN ACCIDENT

£750 For General's Daughter

LEFT LEG BROKEN

Damages of £750 were awarded at the London Sheriff's Court last month to Miss Mary Hope Jeanne Mance, aged 20, daughter of Brigadier-General Sir Harry Osborne Mance, of Frith Hill, Godalming, Surrey. Sir Harry was also awarded £151 special damages.

The defendant was Mr. Wilfred John Black.

Miss Mance, whose left leg was broken when she was knocked down by a motor-car, said that she was on holiday at the time of the accident.

Fond Of Games

"I am very fond of games," she added. "I played tennis and netball at Girton, representing my college at netball. I have played this year and found that the muscles of my leg ache and I cannot run as well as I could. I no longer play for the college."

Miss Mance said there was a bony protuberance on her leg. A toe was also causing her pain, and Mr. Alan Todd, a surgeon, said that sooner or later, he thought, it would become necessary to amputate it.

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CHAIRMAN'S OPTIMISTIC ADDRESS

"In a business like ours, the benefit of a stable exchange is already being felt and and your directors are pleased to report that the results of our trading during the first three months of the current year have shown a marked improvement over the same period of last year," said the Hon. Sir Shou-son Chow when he presided at the annual meeting of shareholders of the China Emporium, Ltd., which was held at the Company's offices yesterday.

The chairman was supported by the Hon. Mr. T. N. Chau and Messrs. Kan Tong-po, Li Tse-fong, Chow Chi-nam, P. K. Kwok, Fung Ping-fan and M. Chan Hart (directors), and the Hon. Dr. S. W. T'so and Messrs. Li Tze-choi, Chan Hin-cheung, Wong Mow-lum, Wong To-ming, Chan Ki-shing, Chow Ki-yuen, Cheung Ying-chow, Wong Tse-chong, Kwok Yau-ting, Ko Kwai-fan, Fung-yip, Chan Fung-yiu, Cho Chow Chui-po, Ng Yuk-wing, Chan Shuk-hon, Pun Ching-yee and Kwok Chan (shareholders).

Chairman's Speech

Addressing the meeting, Sir Shou-son Chow said:—

"It is gratifying to your Directors to be able to lay before you a Statement of Accounts which shows considerable improvement over that of the previous year. From the Report you will notice that the Directors propose to utilise the net profit of $63,521.20 to write off Furniture and Fixtures by $25,687.49, Preliminary and Formation Expenses by $26,404.75 and Bad and Doubtful Debts by $2,056.91, leaving $9,372.05 to be carried forward to the credit of a new account. We sincerely trust that these proposed appropriations will meet with your approval.

"In spite of the continued depressed condition of trade during the year under review and the violent fluctuations in exchange which rendered business transactions most difficult, our total volume of business done during the year was in excess of that of the previous year, both in quantity and value. When it is realised that the ruling rate of exchange for a considerable period of 1935 was higher than two shillings, and that consequently goods bought and sold were very much cheaper in value, you will understand that the total volume of goods sold over the counter had to be far greater than that of 1934 before it was possible to achieve the satisfactory results now placed before you.

"Although we have not yet reached the stage when it would the pleasant duty of your Directors to declare a dividend, yet they sincerely believe that we are on the high road towards that very desirable goal.

"Turning to the Balance Sheet, you will notice that our overdraft at Bank is very much less than that of the previous year, and that our financial position is sounder in every respect. The value of our stocks in hand is about the same as that of last year, being only lower by about $40,000.00. I hope you will consider that this stock is not in any way heavy.

"Regarding the Profit and Loss Account, on the advice of our Auditors, Debenture interest paid during the period under review viz. $68,738.96, is now shown. You will also notice that the Directors have, as before, voluntarily waived a portion of their fees to the extent of $2,200.00 in view of the fact that no dividend can be declared. I am sure this will be appreciated by the Shareholders.

Year Changed

"In a business like ours, the benefit of a stable exchange is already being felt and your Directors are pleased to report that the results of our trading during the first three months of the current year have shown marked improvement over the same period of last year.

"Shareholders may rest assured that your Directors and Management will continue to exercise the greatest economy in expenditure consistent with efficiency and maintain the present courteous and useful service which, it is felt, is being appreciated more and more by the public.

"I have to announce that your Directors have accepted the advice of our Auditors regarding the adoption of the Gregorian Calendar instead of using the lunar calendar in the making up of the Company's yearly accounts in future, and so commencing from this year all our financial years will close on March 21, instead of the last day of the lunar year as at present."

Other Business

The chairman's proposal for the adoption of the report and accounts was seconded by Mr. Che Shuk-hon and was carried unanimously, while the Hon. Dr. S. W. T'so preposed and Mr. Young Ying-chow seconded the re-election of the Hon. Mr. T. N. Chau and Messrs. Fung Ping-fan and Chan Man-chi to the board of directors, this also being carried.

Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming were re-elected auditors on the proposal of Mr. Kwok Chan, seconded by Mr. Pun Ching-yee's

WORLD RUBBER MARKET

NEW INCREASE IN QUOTA

TRADERS TAKEN BY SURPRISE

London, To-day.

The rubber quota increase completely surprised the majority of traders, who generally anticipated that there would be no change. Consequently the commodity slumped sharply in London, Amsterdam and New York, although the volume of liquidation was not great.

It is suggested that the Committee's decision was possibly influenced by Mr. Townsend, the consumers' advisory representative, foreshadowing a large increase in United States consumption. It is estimated that the world stocks are at present being drained by 15 to 18 thousand tons a month, and the quota increase releases about 5,000 tons more rubber a month, decelerating the present rate of the decline in stocks accordingly.

It is considered that by taking a decision now, which will not be effective until July, the possibility of any far-reaching effect on prices will be diminished. Moreover it is hoped that American consumers, who were recently inclined to hold off lest the quota should change, will now re-enter the market. — Reuter.

RAW RUBBER PRICES

Latest Quotations From Singapore

Messrs. H. B. Joseph and Co. have received the following quotations in Straits currency from Singapore for Raw Rubber.

	Buyers.	
Spot	25⅞	Down ⅝
May/June	26½	Down ½
July/Sept.	26¾	Down ½
Oct./Dec.	27	Down ½

Market:—Easier.

LOCAL DOLLAR STEADY

Silver Prices Fall

The local dollar is steady, opening on demand this morning at 1/3⅝d.

Silver prices fell ⅛, both "spot" and "forward" being quoted at 20¼.

The London on New York cross-rate was quoted at £—U.S.$4.93¾, as compared with £—U.S.$4.93⅞, while the New York on London cross-rate was quoted at £—U.S.$4.93⅞, as compared with £—U.S.$4.93¾.

SHARE MARKET

The following was the list of local share quotations issued today:—

Banks

H.K. Banks $1,510 n.
H.K. Bank (London) £103 n.
Chartered Bank £14½ n.
Mercantile Bank A. and H. £31¼ n.
Mercantile Bank C. £14½ n.
Bank of East Asia $73 n.

Insurances

Canton Ins. $275 n.
Union Ins. $515 b.
China Underwriters $1 n.
China Fire Ins. $480 n.
H.K. Fire Ins. $250 n.
International Assce. Sh$3¼ n.

Shipping

Douglases $36 n.
H.K. Steamboats $5½ n.
Indo-Chinas (Pref.), $80 n.
Indo-Chinas (Def.) $20 n.
Shell (Bearer) 93/9 n.
Union Waterboats $12.20 n.

Mining

Antamoks $2.33 b., $2.40/35 sa.
Balatocs $21¾ n.
Baguio Gold 36 cts. b.
Benguet Consolidated $18.20 n
Benguet Exploration 22 cts. n.
Big Wedge 35 cts. s.
Demonstration 70 cts. b., 73 cts. sa.
Gold Creek 15 cts. n.
Gold River 4½ cts. n.
Itogons $1.20 s.
I.X.L. $1½ n.
Salacot 11 cts. n.
Kailan Mining Ad. 12/3 n.
Langkats (Single) Sh.$10 n.
Masbate 70 cts. b.
Shai Exploration Sh.$4½ n.
Shanghai Loans Sh.$4 n.
Raubs $11¼ n.
San Maurico $1.10 b., $1.15 s.
United Paracale 75½ cts. sa.
Venz; Goldfield.

Docks, etc.

H.K. and K. Wharves $91 n.
H.K. and W. Docks $9 n.
Providents (old) $1¼ n.
Providents (new) 20 cts. n.
Hong Kew Sh.$190 n.
New Engineering Sh.$4 n.
Shanghai Docks Sh.$100 n.

Cotton Mills

Ewo Cottons Sh.$8½ b.
Shanghai Cottons (old) Sh.$71 b.
Shanghai Cottons (new) Sh.$39 b.
Zoong Sings Sh.$12 n.
Wing On Textiles Sh.$25 n.

Lands, Hotels, etc.

H.K. and S. Hotel $4.80 b.
H.K. Lands $30 sa.
H.K. Lands 4% Debentures 100% b.
Shanghai Lands Sh.$18 n.
Metropolitan Lands Sh. $10 n.
Humphreys $8.80 n.
H.K. Realties $5 n.
Chinese Estates $82 n.
China Realties Sh.$4 n.
China Debentures Sh.$60 n.

Public Utilities

H.K. Tramways $10.85 b.
Peak Trams (old) $7 n.
Peak Trams (new) $3 n.
Star Ferries $36 b.
Yaumati Ferries $19 n.
C. Lights (old) $10.70 b.
C. Lights (new) $7¼ b.
H.K. Electrics $50¾ b.
Macao Electrics $20 n.
Sandakan Lights $8.30 n.
Telephones (old) $25.20/.40 sa.
Telephones (new) $9 n.
China Buses Sh.$11¼ n.
Singapore Tractions 20/- n.
Singapore Tractions Pref. 23/- n.

Industrials

Malabon Sugars $8.40 n.
Cald., Macg. (Ord.) Sh.$19½ n.
Cald., Mecg. (Pref.) Sh.$15 n.
Canton Ices $1¾ n.
Cements. $10.10 b., $10¼ sa.
H.K. Ropes $4.40 b.

Stores, etc.

Dairy Farms $20 n.
Watsons $2.80 b., $2.80 sa.
Lane, Crawfords $6¾ n.
Mackintoshs $5 n.
Sinceres $2 n.
Wm. Powells 50 cts. n.
Wing On (H.K.) $50 n.

Miscellaneous

Entertainments $2.90 n.
S. C. Enterprises $1.35 n.
Macao "Greyhounds" $2 n.
Constructions (old) $1¾ n.
Constructions (new) 40 cts. s.
Vibro Piling $4 n.
Ch. Govt. 5% 1925 C$Bds. — 93¾% n.
H.K. Govt. 4% Loan 5% prem. b.
H.K. Govt. 3½% Loan par. b.
Wallace Harpers $4 n.

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET

Long-term Trend Still Bullish

ADVICE TO SELL ON RALLIES

Messrs. White, Weld and Company, New York Correspondents for Messrs. S. E. Levy and Company, report:—

Stocks: The long term trend is still bullish, but the intermediate trend is bearish. We would advise a trading position should prices further recede and sell on rallies. Business done: 2,230,000 shares.

Wheat: Conviction is gaining that rains are insufficient. Millers are buying on a hand-to-mouth basis. Demand is sufficient to maintain good "spot" premiums. Purchases on dips are advisable. Total sales: 53,551,000 bushels.

Cotton: Good general rains in Texas are reported, but the scattered showers in Oklahoma are insufficient.

Rubber: A quota of 65 per cent. rather strengthens our recent views regarding the fundamental position of the market. We recommend the distribution of buying during the next few sessions. Total sales: 392 lots.

COMMODITY PRICES

The following quotations have been received by Reuter.

	Prev. Closing	Yesterday Closing
New York Cotton:—		
May	11.53	11.49
July	11.13	11.09
October	10.27	10.21
December	10.26	10.21
January	10.29	10.23
March	10.33	10.27
Spot	11.77	11.69
New York Rubber:—		
May	15.93	15.70
July	16.05	15.81
September	16.19a	15.92
December	16.28a	16.04a
March	16.40a	16.14
Chicago Wheat:—		
May	98	98⅞
July	87	87¼
September	85⅝	85⅝
Chicago Corn:—		
May	61⅝	62½
July	60¼	60⅝
Winnipeg Wheat:—		
May	79¾	80
July	80¾	81
October	82	82¼

£125,000 DEBTS OF CAR TRADER

West End Bankrupt In Prison

"MY BRAIN AS A BIT RUSTY"

A man who came from prison to the London Bankruptcy Court for his public examination last month apologised for not remembering certain facts.

"For the last 14 months I have been unable to use my brain much, and it has got a bit rusty," he said.

He was Cyril Joseph Southwell Piper, and is serving a sentence of 21 months for obtaining money by false pretences.

According to the bankrupt's amended statement of affairs, at the date of the receiving order, November 8, 1934, his gross liabilities were £125,414 3s. 4d., with a deficiency of £115,146 8s.

Among the items that make up the deficiency account were net loss in trading £10,744 7s. 3d., and estimated interest on loans £95,644 9s. 6d.

Statement Tendered

According to the bankrupt's statement, in August, 1931, he started business in partnership as motor-car dealers in Langham-place, W. 1, under the styles of "Bruce and Co." and "Car Clear Co."

In 1932 he removed to premises in Hay-market, and later to Albemarle-street, W., where he made a loss of £2,558 on the first year's trading. Later, to repay creditors not prepared to renew loans, he had to resort to fresh borrowings.

Early in May, 1934, certain creditors called for repayment of loans amounting to about £30,000 and he could only repay by obtaining further loans at a higher rate of interest.

The receiving order was made on the petition of a creditor on the ground that the debtor had notified his creditors that he was about to suspend payment of his debts, and he was adjudged bankrupt on December 1, 1934. Mr. Percy Phillips, of Great Portland-street, W., being appointed trustee of the estate at the first meeting of creditors.

Insufficient Profits

Piper attributed his insolvency to the profit of his business having been insufficient to meet overhead expenses and to heavy interest on loans. He said that a complete set of books of account was kept.

Asked by Mr. Registrar Mellor when he expected to finish his sentence, Piper said he would be out in July. He found it difficult in prison, without telephone or reference books, to prepare any statements in connection with his bankruptcy, as he was unable to find out where people lived.

The Registrar adjourned the public examination to Oct. 13, by which time, he said, he supposed the bankrupt would have been able to file the necessary account.

MR. LITTLEJOHN

Sued, Despite His 'Name Of Romance'

When a man named Littlejohn was sued last month at Clerkenwell County Court, Mr. Registrar Friend remarked: "You cannot be hard on a man with a name of romance like that." (Little John was a member of Robin Hood's band of outlaws).

A girl witness told the court that Mr. Littlejohn was an hotel and garage proprietor.

The Registrar: I see. Still in the banditry business.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Mihail Konstantinovitch (Michael Constantin) Yatskin of May Hall, the University, is applying to the Governor for naturalization, and that any person who knows any reason why naturalization should not be granted should send a written and signed statement of the facts to the Colonial Secretary.

CONSIGNEES' NOTICE

BURNS-PHILP LINE

From MELBOURNE, SYDNEY, SALAMAUA, RABAUL, SANDAKAN & MANILA

M. V. "NEPTUNA"

Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of The Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd., whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 6th May, 1936, will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 20th May, 1936 or they will not be recognized.

To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulations consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when damaged dutiable goods are examined.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 5th May, 1936, at 10 a.m., by Messrs. Goddard and Douglas.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by,

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD.
Agents.
Hong Kong, 28th April, 1936.

PUBLIC AUCTION

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction

on

Friday, the 1st May, 1936, commencing at 11.00 a.m. at their Sales Room, 4 Duddell Street

A Quantity of Valuable Household and Office Furniture

Terms: Cash on Delivery

LAMMERT BROS.,
Auctioneers.
Hong Kong, 29th April, 1936.

MINISTERING LEAGUE

Annual General Meeting

DECREASE ON PREVIOUS YEAR'S TAKINGS

A substantial decrease on the previous year's takings, attributed to the financial depression, was reported by the President of the Ministering League, Mrs. T. H. King, at the annual general meeting held in the Helena May Institute this morning before a large gathering. Mrs. Kelvin Stark, Hon. Treasurer and Hon. Secretary, and Mrs. Edwin Taylor, Vice-President, supported the President.

Mrs. T. H. King, who was in the chair, making her annual report, said: "Before moving the adoption of the Report and Balance sheet for 1935, I should like to say how honoured we are that His Excellency the Governor has kindly consented to become our Patron, and I should also like to welcome Mrs. Bartholomew, who has become one of the Hon. Vice-Presidents of the Ministering League.

"This year the total takings amounted to $7,483 and as everyone in Hong Kong is facing the financial depression, I think that the League has been generously supported.

"I feel very strongly about our League and in Hong Kong there are smaller charities which do untold good among the Colony's very poorest, and the Ministering League has sought out these smaller charities rather than supporting the well-known ones.

Grateful Letters

"If you would read the particularly grateful letters which we have received, you would wish, as I do, that the sums sent to these charities were much larger.

"This year we only sent home the direct quota for our two cots which we support at Ottershaw, £60 in all, but, owing to the low dollar, this cost us $920 as against $765 for the £75 sent home last year. That sum included £15 towards the general fund.

"Hong Kong is indeed a land of good-byes and one of our saddest good-byes will be to Lady Southorn, and I should like to thank her now for her kind help and support, and on behalf of all of us, to wish her and Sir Thomas Southorn everything that is good in their new home.

"It is nearly a year ago since we said our farewell to our kind Patroness Lady Peel, and two months ago to one of our Vice-Presidents, Lady Dreyer.

"I feel that I cannot thank the Committee enough for all the work they have done throughout the year and specially Mrs. Kelvin Stark who, since I became President, has carried on as Hon. Treasurer and Hon. Secretary.

"May I take this opportunity of thanking Messrs. Lowe Bingham and Matthews for kindly auditing our accounts, and also our kind friends the Press for their generous help at all time?"

A letter was read from Lady Southorn expressing regret at her inability to attend the annual meeting, but wishing the Ministering League every success for the future.

Mrs. R. H. Kotewall proposed the adoption of the Report and Balance Sheet and Mrs. G. R. Sayer seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

New Committee

The following Committee for the ensuing year was proposed by Mrs. E. Cocke and seconded by Mrs. Hopkins, being carried unanimously: Patron, H.E. The Governor; Vice-Patronesses, Lady MacGregor and Mrs. A. W. Bartholomew; President, Mrs. T. H. King; Vice-President, Mrs. Edwin Taylor; Hon. Treasurer and Hon. Secretary, Mrs. Boodward; Branch Representatives: Mrs. C. C. Stark (Belilios Public School), Mrs. W. K. Cheung (Fairlea School), Mrs. Lakeman (Kowloon), Mrs. Craig (Kowloon Docks), Mrs. J. H. Morris, Mrs. R. A. B. Forest (Peak), Mrs. T. H. King (Peak and Police), Mrs. Franks (Prisons), Mrs. E. B. Bell (Quarry Bay), Mrs. Sedgwick (Naval), Dr. K. Woo (St. Paul's), Miss D. Wise (St. Stephen's), Mrs. Richardson (Victoria) and Miss Evelyn Bolt (Diocesan).

LOCAL NEWS BREVITIES

The address which was to have been given by Mr. Laszlo Schwartz to the University Arts Association to-morrow has been unavoidably postponed.

Father G. Byrne, S.J., will give an unprofessional talk before the Hong Kong University Medical Society at 5.30 p.m. in the Union Assembly Room to-day.

The Consul-General for Japan in Hong Kong is holding a reception at No. 7 Conduit Road, in honour of the birthday of the Emperor, from 11.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

The Kowloon Branch of the M.C.L. will hold a bridge, whist and mahjongg drive on Monday, May 11, at the Kowloon Y.M.C.A.

Students of Quarry Bay School are holding their annual spring festival next Friday at 11 a.m.

The police Branch of the Ministering League are holding a Flannel Dance at the Gymnasium, Police Headquarters, on Friday, next, commencing at 9 p.m. Admission will be $1 each. The Hong Kong Hotel orchestra will provide the music.

A dinner dance will be held at the Repulse Bay Hotel this evening, at 8.30.

The Craigengower Cricket Club will hold its fortnightly whist drive on Saturday, commencing at 9 p.m.

Mr. R. C. H. Lim, the well-known Barrister, has just returned to the Colony after a trip to Europe.

The usual fortnightly whist drive and tombola will take place on Friday next, commencing at 8.30 p.m., in the Royal Artillery Sergeants' Mess, Queen's Road.

A further batch of eleven conductors were summoned before Mr. W. Schofield, at the Central Magistracy yesterday, for allowing their buses to be overcrowded and fines totalling $111 were imposed. Several of the offenders had previous convictions. The highest individual fine imposed was $12.

Among the passengers who are passing through the Colony *en route* to America by the R.M.S. Empress of Japan is Mrs. Francis Burton Harrison, wife of the former Governor-General of the Philippine Islands.

Mr. C. C. Black, Chairman of Furness (Far East) Ltd., returned to the Colony this morning by the R.M.S. Empress of Japan.

Cheung Hon-fong, widow, residing at No. 104 Queen's Road West, was summoned before Mr. W. Schofield at the Central Magistracy this morning for failing to notify the change of address of her *muitsai* Li Kwai-kay, aged 16 years, and was fined $5.

Wong Ching-hang, of No. 66 Hollywood Road, was this morning fined $10 for issuing an unstamped receipt for $80 to Chui Kong on February 5. Defendant is a rent collector and as all the other receipts for rent were stamped, Sergeant Whitcroft agreed that it was probably an oversight.

BOXING "HOPE" OF ZOO

"Digger" A Promising Candidate

DAILY BOUTS WITH KEEPER

Not for several years has the Zoo had the good fortune to possess a boxing kangaroo. Now at last there is a promising candidate.

His name is Digger. He is a Great Grey Kangaroo. He was presented to the Society last year and, according to his keeper, shows every sign of becoming "the best boxer we have had for years."

Digger and his keeper are already having "bouts" daily, and early-morning visitors to the gardens will often see kangaroo and man sparring.

These bouts invariably incur when the keeper goes to the paddock to give the kangaroos their breakfast. As soon as the gate is opened, Digger rushes up to the man, sits back upon his sturdy tail, and challenges him to "put 'em up!"

Knock Out

The keeper promptly does so, whereupon ensues some very spirited and amusing sparring, which does not end until the keeper allows the kangaroo to give him a "knock-out" blow.

Keeper Flewin said recently: "I am pleased with Digger. There are great possibilities in him. By Easter I hope we shall be able to stage sparring matches for the entertainment of visitors.

"Most male kangaroos have the instinct to box. The difficulty is to keep them sweet tempered. So often the animal's blows become stronger and stronger as his excitement grows, and in the end he becomes dangerous.

"Digger is just seven years old — an ideal age from the boxing point of view — and though he boxes with me every day his excitement never grows uncontrollable.

Did Not Like Cameras

"Some years ago we had a splendid animal named Billy, with whom I frequently went 'into the ring.' Billy also was a Great Grey Kangaroo, and he was an ideal partner because he always seemed to know that the match was just a game, staged to make people laugh.

"The only trouble we had with Billy was that he did not approve of photographers, and more than once, when a photographer had come into the paddock to take a picture of us boxing Billy would suddenly switch aside and hand a hefty right to the cameraman.

"Since Billy died we have had only one or two wallabies who showed a tendency to box, but being much smaller animals than kangaroos the effect was not so amusing, as I had to bend down so low to get on their level.

Marcus Undaunted

"Digger, I am pleased to notice is fond of putting in a little practice with Marcus, a red wallaroo. Marcus is a smaller animal, though stockier than Digger, and invariably he gets whacked in every 'round,' but that doesn't worry him. In due course he comes back for more.

"The two may be seen sparring several times daily just now, squatting opposite each other and making lightning jabs at each other's heads with their forepaws, while two or three other kangaroos and wallabies sit around, as though refereeing.

"We have 17 kangaroos and wallabies at present, and they are gradually getting used to their new home — the park paddock, opposite the bird house.

"One thing still puzzles them sorely, however — the cries of the kookaburras.

Leaping Powers

"These 'laughing jackasses' break out in full chorus several times a day, and at the sound every kangaroo in the paddock ceases whatever he may be doing and, sitting up, turns a surprised glance in the direction of the noise, continuing to stare for a long while after the chorus has ceased.

"It has been noticed, too, that the birds give voice much more lustily since the kangaroos took up residence opposite them, so maybe they are equally surprised to see kangaroos, which animals, of course, come from their own country, Australia.

"The leaping powers of the kangaroos are seen to much better advantage in their new paddock, and the animals will have even more room presently when we allow them up on to the greasy mound in the adjoining compound. At present the ground here is too soggy for them, and so they are being confined to the lower paddock which has a gravel floor.

"Three wallabies, however, already know what the mound is like, for they escaped into it the other day, and I had a hectic quarter of an hour getting them back to the lower paddock.

"As soon as they were rounded up we had a strong and high fence erected to prevent further escapes."

COAL STRIKE AVERTED

Agreement Signed In Paris

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Paris, To-day.

The coalminers' strike which threatened to break out was settled and averted once more yesterday by an agreement reached by representatives of the miners and the mine-owners, and signed in the Ministry of Labour. The miners have been promised that far-reaching concessions to their demands will be made at the negotiations now opening, while the mine-owners received an assurance from the State that their proposals to the Government will be considered favourably.—Trans-Ocean Service.

PEACE SOCIETIES MEET

Coming Conference In Geneva

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Geneva, To-day.

All the League of Nations Societies and Peace Societies held deliberations here on Monday and yesterday, under the chairmanship of Lord Cecil and the French ex-Minister for Aviation, M. Pierre Cot, when preparations were made for holding a great International Peace Conference just before the League Sessions in the autumn.

The following matters will be among the principle items on the agenda:

(1) **Rehabilitation of the sanctity of treaties;**
(2) **Disarmament and abolition of profits in the arms industry;**
(3) **Reinforcement of the principles of sanctions;**
(4) **Creation of the necessary organisation for the peaceful revision of treaties.**—Trans-Ocean Service.

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATED

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Hon. Dr. S. W. T'so, the Hon. Mr. T. N. Chau, the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, Herr H. Gipperich, Consul-General for Germany, and Frau Gipperich, Messrs. Li Jow-son, H. Owen Hughes, T. A. Mitchell, Lo Wing-kit, Mok Kong-sang, the Hon. Mr. W. J. Carrie, Messrs. Li Yau-tsun, R. H. Kotewall, J. T. Bagram, M. T. Johnson, H. R. Butters, Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Sayer, Mr. Charles L. Hoover, Consul General for the United States, Messrs. E. P. H. Lang, J. W. Franks, the Hon. Mr. Edwin Taylor, the Hon. Mr. J. J. and Mrs. Paterson, Dr. and Mrs. G. D. R. Black and many others.

In addressing the gathering Mr. Mizuzuwa said that he felt very honoured that such a large and distinguished gathering had attended the function and he interpreted their presence as a mark of their sympathy and goodwill towards the Japanese nation and their Emperor.

He said that when the present Emperor, as Crown Prince, visited Europe in 1921, he was greeted with the greatest enthusiasm, and this enthusiasm had been maintained ever since.

Mr. Mizuzuwa concluded by saying that as the Consul-General of Japan in the Colony, it was his very pleasant duty to propose the toast to His Majesty King Edward VIII.

The toast was honoured enthusiastically.

In proposing the toast of the Emperor of Japan, His Excellency the Governor said:—"Mr. Consul-General, — On behalf of your guests this morning I wish very cordially to felicitate you and all our Japanese friends in Hong Kong on the birthday of His Imperial Majesty your Emperor. I also want to thank you very warmly indeed for inviting us all here to share your celebration of the happy occasion. How happy the occasion is we British know full well, for if there is one thing in which the Japanese and British are completely alike it is in our undying and loving devotion to our respective Thrones.

"Ladies and Gentlemen I bid you rise and pledge the august toast of His Imperial Majesty the Emperor of Japan. Long may he reign."

Acting on behalf of Governor Harold Hoffman, of New Jersey, Robert W. Hicks, the criminologist, is snapped with Dr. Israel Castellano in the latter's office of the Havana, Cuba, police department. They subsequently investigated rumours that the Lindbergh ransom money was offered for sale in Cuba before Bruno Hauptmann was arrested.

AIRMAN'S FORCED LANDING

French Pilot's Plane Confiscated

Rome, To-day.

The report that an aeroplane from France made a forced landing at Ciampino aerodrome on Sunday apparently clears up the mystery of the whereabouts of the airman Drouillet, who surreptitiously left Paris after the French authorities had refused him permission to fly his machine to the Negus.

It is now reported that the machine was confiscated at Ciampino, but Drouillet has disappeared.—Reuter.

AN UNHEROIC DEFENDANT

Wedding Stopped By Phone

WHILE BRIDE AND GUESTS WAITED

Forty-five minutes before the time fixed for a wedding a telephone message was received that the bridegroom would 'not be coming down."

This statement was made at Lewes Assizes last month during the hearing of a suit for breach of promise. Damages amounting to £220, with costs, were awarded to the jilted woman.

She was Miss Doris Maude Burton, aged 29, of Neville-road, Hove, Sussex, and had sued Hubert Rickard Camillo Fowler, a bank clerk, of Grosvenor-road, Chiswick, W. Mr. Justice Finlay, summing up, said of Fowler: "You may think that a more unheroic defendent has never appeared in any court."

Damages Issue

Mr. Gerald Thesiger (defending) announced at the outset that, having read the letters in the case, he had decided that liability could not be contested, so that the only issue was one of damages. He was not calling any evidence.

Mr. John Flowers, K.C., said that Fowler was "not only a cad, but such a coward that he would not go into the witness-box to say it was his mother's fault that he could not marry this girl."

When the two people lived at Chiswick with their parents, said Mr. Flowers, they were both members of a choir. Their friendship ripened into love, and they visited each other's homes.

Proposed On The Downs

After the Burton family had moved to Hove, there were frequent letters and visits, and defendant from time to time mentioned the question of marriage. One Sunday last July Fowler proposed while the couple were on the Downs, and was accepted.

"Banns were published in the church at West Blatchington, near Brighton, and the wedding was arranged for September 21.

"On August 25, Fowler came down with the engagement ring, an old ring of his mother's, which he was going to reset.

"Then, three days before the wedding, a curious thing happened.

"The defendant telephoned from London and said his mother was very poorly, and that the wedding must be put off. Plaintiff pointed out that everything was ready, and said she would go to London and see him.

"She went, and again defendant said he could not leave his mother. Miss Burton gathered that the mother was not in bed. No doctor had been called in, and her son did not know what was the matter with her.

Wedding Fixed

"I gather the wedding was fixed for noon. About 10 o'clock Fowler telephoned from London that his mother was bad, and he could not leave her, and that the wedding must be postponed.

"Miss Burton's mother went to the 'phone and spoke to him "pretty straight," and he eventually said he would come down at once.

"The guests arrived. The best man was there and the poor girl, dressed for her wedding, was all ready. Then at 11.15 a.m. he had not the pluck to send a message himself, but someone rang up from London to say that he would not be coming down."

Mr. Thesiger said Fowler had only asked for a postponement of the wedding until his mother's attitude changed. He would have been willing to marry her later on, but the proceedings had put an end to all that.

Miss Burton, in evidence, said that two or three days after the day fixed for the wedding defendant told her it was due to his mother. Later he told her that his mother had taken a dislike to her.

BOY SCOUTS IN AUSTRIA

Alleged Political Activities

ORGANISATION DISSOLVED

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Vienna, To-day.

The Austrian boys scouts, one of the organisations belonging to the Federation of Youth, have been dissolved, because their managing committee refused to consent that the Youth Federation should become an integral part of the Fatherland Front. The dissolution order states that the reason why such drastic measures were taken was that the refusal proved that the Austrian boy scouts were a camouflaged political organisation, carrying on activities prohibited by their status.

The Scouts' managing committee appealed against this decision to the Federal High Court. It is alleged that illegal propagandist activities by the Scouts are definitely proved. At all events 10 middle-grade schoolboys and five high grade schoolboys have been arrested on the charge of illegal political activities.—Trans-Ocean Service.

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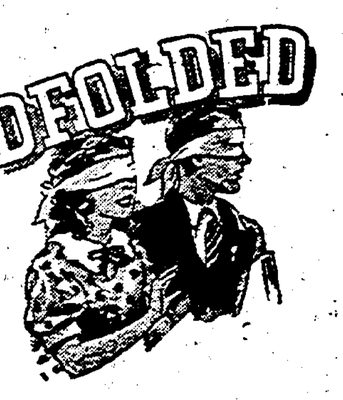

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Samuel Gallo, a private guard in a New York apartment house, met his death when he attempted to run the freight elevator. Police are shown removing the body of the first strike victim.

RETIRE ONLY UNDER ORDERS

(Continued from Page 1)

While the Abyssinians lost numerous dead, the Italian losses were comparatively slight.

The Sultan of Aussa, Mohammed Lajo Anfari, has announced his surrender to the Italians.

What Will Duce Do?

PERSISTENT RUMOURS IN ROME

Rome: Persistent rumours of impending important decisions to be taken by Signor Mussolini on the occasion of the Italian occupation of Addis Ababa—which is confidently expected here to be a matter of a few days — continue to circulate.

The most interesting of these reports for which, however, no official confirmation is as yet obtainable, is that the Italian Government intend to announce solemnly the dethronement of the present dynasty of Abyssinia and, at the same time, proclaim King Victor Emmanuel III as Emperor of New Ethiopia which—including Eritrea and Italian Somaliland—would stretch from the Red Sea to the Indian Ocean.

Such a proclaimation, it is held, would have a certain parallel with the proclamation of Queen Victoria as Empress of India.

It is furthermore claimed that as a final solution to the Abyssinian problem the plan would, from an Italian standpoint, have the additional advantage of eliminating the League of Nations from the present conflict and preventing it from ever again "interfering with Abyssinia's internal affairs."

Rome Admits New Reverse

ANXIETY INTENSIFIED

Rome: Italian tank columns have been driven back with heavy losses near Daggahbur by Abyssinian troops under the Turkish General Wahib Pasha, according to despatches received here from the southern front, which state that a great battle has been raging near and around Sassabaneh for the past 10 days without any decisive result having hitherto been achieved.

The Italians succeeded on Saturday, after a fierce struggle, in enveloping Sassabaneh on three sides, but their attack has since been at a standstill, while their tank detachment, which had been despatched in the direction of Daggahbur in the rear of the Abyssinian positions at Sassabaneh, was compelled to retreat.

Thus the Italian plan of capturing Daggahbur and thereby cutting-off communications between Sassabaneh and Harrar has failed, while at the same time the Abyssinians vigorously counter-attacked the Italian right-wing, where an Italian onslaught, led by General Agostini, at the strategically important town of Bullaleh, was repulsed.

ANXIETY IN ROME

For the first time during the war the casualties on either side during the past few days are admitted to be approximately equal, the Italian Army having been reported to have lost some 2,000 men—chiefly natives—while the Abyssinian losses are estimated to be somewhere between 2,000 and 3,000. Some anxiety is manifested here concerning the outcome of the battle.

For the first time in many months the Italian Press reports failed to speak yesterday morning of "Italian victories." The prevailing disquiet has been increased by the fact that the usual daily official communique from the seat of war has not been published since Monday.

All reports from Italian war correspondents agree that the resistance offered by the Abyssinians at Sassabaneh is comparably superior to any hitherto put up by them.—Trans-Ocean Service.

LONDON CLUB RAIDED

Police Break Down A Door

Fines amounting to £130 were imposed at Marylebone Police Court last month in cases arising out of a raid on the West Kilburn Floral Club, Canterbury-road, Kilburn.

Mrs. Maud Nye, of Sutherland-avenue, Maida Vale, the proprietress, was fined £80, with £20 costs, for offences against the licensing laws, and the secretary and treasurer, J. Birdie, £50, with £10 costs. The club was struck off.

Mr. Taylor, for the police, said that when the police raided the premises they found the door locked. They broke down the outer door and forced open two inside doors.

Cinema Notes

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Matheson Lang as Sir Francis Drake, Athene Seyler as Queen Elizabeth and Jane Baxter as Elizabeth Sydenham, one of the queen's ladies - in - waiting, are the principal actors, but the cast includes others who are well known on the English stage.

The Armada and battle sequences which are the highlight of the film are remarkably effective and the famous incidents of Sir Francis playing bowls on the Hoe as the Armada came into sight (which many authorities aver never took place) was actually taken at Plymouth Hoe.

The Spanish Court of the day also figures prominently in the film with all its pageantry reconstructed in every detail.

The Windsor Castle Council Chamber is used as a background for many important sequences in the picture and it is in this chamber that Queen Elizabeth first meets Drake.

Another part of the Castle which was carefully reconstructed was Elizabeth's famous wardrobe in which she kept hundred of beautiful gowns. This picture is in fact historically correct in every detail and lavish in costume and setting.

"FRONT PAGE WOMAN"—MAJESTIC THEATRE

This picture is one of the most realistic and exciting of newspaper screen dramas, with Bette Davis and George Brent in the stellar roles.

It is entirely different from any other newspaper play and deals with the bitter rivalry between two reporters, a woman and a man, on opposition papers, who are really in love with each other but out to do their best to "scoop" each other.

Bette Davis plays the part of the female reporter, while George Brent is the other reporter who is in love with her but who scorns her ability, which eventually beats him at his own game.

Others in the cast include Walter Walker, Carrol Naish, Dorothy Dare, June Mantel and George Renavent.

Bridge And Mahjongg Drive

A Bridge and Mahjongg Drive was held at the Matshed Church, Shamshuipo, last Friday to raise a Maintenance Fund for the Church. It was very well supported, there being about a hundred people present.

Play began at three o'clock, and ended at six. An excellent tea was at 4.30 and during the course of the afternoon a raffle was held for an ornamental Chinese tree.

Mrs. Bartholomew, who was introduced with a few words by the Rev. G. H. Bateman, gave away the prizes. These were as follows:—

Bridge. 1. Mrs. Lartness, 2. Mrs. Sharp.

Auction Bridge. 1. Mrs. Silverstone, 2. Mrs. Stockford, Mrs. Wild (consolation).

Mahjongg 1. Mrs. Neale, 2. Mrs Harman, 3. Mrs. Lakeman, Mrs. Laws (consolation).

Ticket number 85 won the raffle.

The Rev. H. C. Davies then made a short speech, telling of the cost of building the Shamshuipo Matshed Church, and how necessary it was for them to have a Maintenance Fund to fall back on for any necessary repairs.

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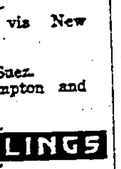

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9 p.m.—A Relay of the Daventry News Bulletin (Copyright by Reuter).

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My shadow's where my sweetheart used to be .... Sam Browne.

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My first thrill ("She shall have music") ..... June Clyde.

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Instrumental—

The Ballyhooligans make Whoopee — The Ballyhooligans.

Orchestra—

In a Vienna Beer Garden

10 p.m.—Big Ben:

10 p.m.—From the Studio.

"The Z.B.W. Dance Orchestra."

11 p.m.—Close Down.

The Old Psychology

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floor of the building for the purpose of delivering six lectures on "The New Psychology," which all interested people could attend on purchase of "season" tickets at a very moderate price.

To-night, in order to introduce himself and hint at the possibilities contained in his theories, the Professor was holding a preparatory lecture free of charge. In print rivalling the size used for the professor's name was the invitation *Step Inside*.

Had it been a fine, dry night, Noel Bainbridge would have done nothing of the sort; lectures did not appeal to him. As it was, because his body craved rest and warmth, he did as he was bidden.

The room at the back of which he found himself seated was warm, and, after the bitter coldness of outside, distinctly soothing. Professor Foster, too, had a pleasant voice. The even droning of his tones from the platform was restful, and Noel, closing his eyes, was conscious of a creeping drowsiness.

He was almost asleep when an umbrella perched on the chair behind him clattered noisily to the floor. With a quick start he jerked himself up.

Professor Foster had raised his voice. His words floated into Noel's jumbled mind and stayed there. "People are what they make themselves!" the psychologist asserted eloquently.

"I ask you: how many people travel third-class because they think they're not good enough to travel first? How many take a bus to their appointment because they are humble, and fail to realise how much better impression would have been created had they travelled by taxi?

"The poor man is poor because he makes it a *habit* to be poor. He uses the cheapest notepaper he can buy; if he is guilty now and then of a little extravagance, it worries him for weeks. He is afraid—yes, afraid!—to sink himself into a comfortable chair at the talkies or the theatre because he feels that he does not belong.

"He dubs himself a third-class man and"—the professor paused impressively—"the next day the world has accepted him as a third-class man. He *is* a third-class man for evermore.

"If you, yourselves, would make a mark in life, you must spend . . . you must demand for yourselves the best . . . you must make the world accept you as a first-class man.

"And when you have persuaded the world to do this—you *are*, in very truth, a first-class man. . . ."

When Noel sank into his hard bed that night he was sorely troubled. The man was right. Why should he suffer the tortures of a board-like bed; why should he inhabit a depressing attic; why should he regard himself and let the world regard him as a third-class man?

Mrs. Binks, his landlady, despised him because he was poor. The man who boarded at the best hotel and then sloped off at the week-end without paying was respected; the world kowtowed to a first-class man because it was frightened to offend him.

You could bluff the world in a dress-suit. They clapped you in jail if your jacket was patched.

Noel didn't sleep that night.

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The next night, dressed in his evening suit—which, fortunately, he had not yet disposed of to the same source which already had obliged him with the custody of his books, cigarette-case and gold cuff-links—he walked, with the assured step that is natural to a well-dressed person, into his club.

It had been a mistake, he told himself, to lose touch with all his old friends—the friends who might have put something in his way.

He glanced round the familiar room with a sense of pleasure—the massive armchairs near the wood fire looked delightfully cosy and inviting.

Bailey, the old club waiter, recognised him instantly and welcomed him with an eagerness which was almost pathetic.

"Why, sir, I was beginning to think we'd never see you again. Will you take dinner, sir?"

Noel nodded—as he had been used to nodding in the old days—and a little later sipped his liqueur with relish.

But, heavens, what a hole it was making into his last fiver!

Suddenly a breezy greeting smote his ear. "Why, Bainbridge! I've been haunting this club for the last few months hoping I might see you. I was sorry to hear of your uncle's death and you selling out the business."

Noel glanced up. It was Chesterton. He lived out East and his appearances in London were fitful.

They retired to the lounge.

"Well, aren't you going to let me into the secret—what are you doing now?"

Noel swallowed hard. He was going to be a first-class man. Professor Foster's "new" psychology was his best line. Let the world think you a failure, and you stayed a failure.

"I—I took over a silver fox farm in the country—thought I'd make a bit of money out of the vanity of women."

Chesterton laughed. "You sly dog! That's why you've run away and left us, eh? Anyway, I hung on here—I thought you wouldn't be able to keep away for ever." He paused. "But let's get down to business. I say, Bainbridge, you're not tired of fox-farming, by any chance?"

Noel shrugged his shoulders.

"I wouldn't mind selling out. I don't find the job particularly interesting."

"Well, the point is—but, there, I don't suppose you'll entertain it for a minute. Anyhow, here goes.

"I was wondering if you'd care to hitch up your luck with mine. There was a saying in the club in the old days that you were a lucky devil—that nothing you touched went wrong.

"And it seems pretty true. You obviously have a flair for the right thing at the right moment.

"Anyhow, to cut a long story short, my plantations in India aren't going any too well. Would you—that is, how'd you like to have a shot at pulling them out of the fire? Mind you, India isn't any too healthy. . . ."

Noel hoped his voice didn't sound too eager.

"To tell you the truth, Chesterton," he managed to say, "I've always had a longing to go East; the life there has a great fascination for me. I would not hesitate to sell my farm to go."

"You really mean that!"

"Honestly!"

They shook hands.

Noel Bainbridge was on top of the world. Professor Foster, whoever he was, ought to be remembered in the Birthday Honours. He had hit on a great truth. Just take his own case, for instance.

If he had stayed on at the attic and continued to dole out his pence, instead of going to the club and making a ghastly hole in his last fiver, this would never have happened.

Anyway, he hadn't time to dwell on it now. He must be off to see Chesterton. He had to sail in three days' time and there were final preparations to make.

They chatted for half an hour in Chesterton's flat.

"Oh, well, Bainbridge, just one final word of advice. Don't spend a lot of money on kit before you go. You can get it better and cheaper out there.

"And I'll tell you what: now I have you as my right hand man. I shall prolong my leave a few weeks and you may as well use any my return ticket.

"It's only second-class, but of course second-class is quite comfortable nowadays. And now, old chap, let us drink to the success of the plantations."

"Good!" said Noel, "And I would like to propose another toast. Long live Professor Foster!"

"My dear fellow, who the dickens is Professor Foster? Never heard of the chap."

"He's the best friend I ever had," said Noel fervently, as he drained his glass.

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Chesterton went to the window and watched Noel as he walked down the street away from his flat.

"Best friend, indeed—he was not friend enough to help youngster when he was down and out, evidently. But I can't help admiring his pluck. All that nonsense about an imaginary fox farm when his friends in London knew he was hiding from them because of his poverty.

"What a hunt I've had trying to find him! Anyway, I'm glad I've been able to help the lad. I can do with someone out there, although the plantations practically run themselves.

"Strange, but he really gave me the impression that he would rather have travelled first-class! Oh, well, these young people with their new-fangled notions of pride and bluff!

"It was up to me to do him a good turn—his uncle was the best pal I ever had."

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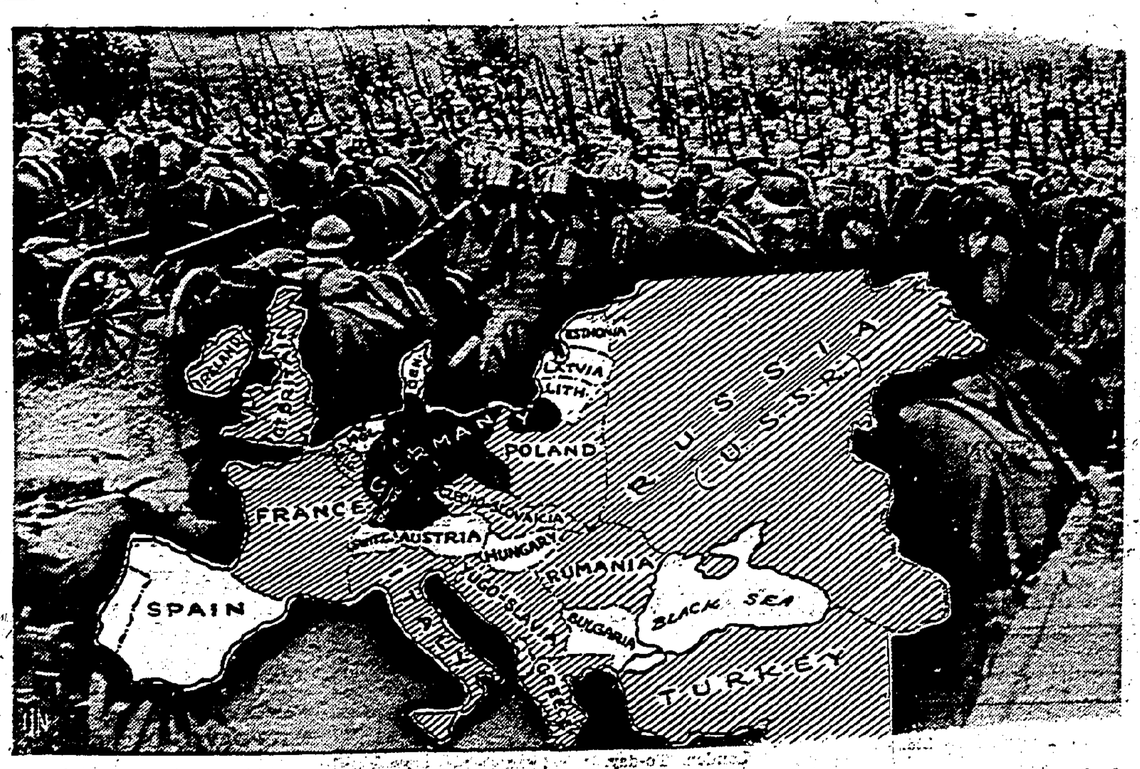

With most of the nations of Europe on record backing France in her demands that Germany withdraw her troops from the demilitarised Rhineland zone or face the threat of war, Europe is still awaiting the outcome of the conference of the League Powers at London. France has stationed 300,000 troops within striking distance of her border. Our map shows the line-up of Powers to-day, shaded countries being those who have announced themselves as behind France. Our photograph shows French troops moving toward the border in recent manoeuvres.

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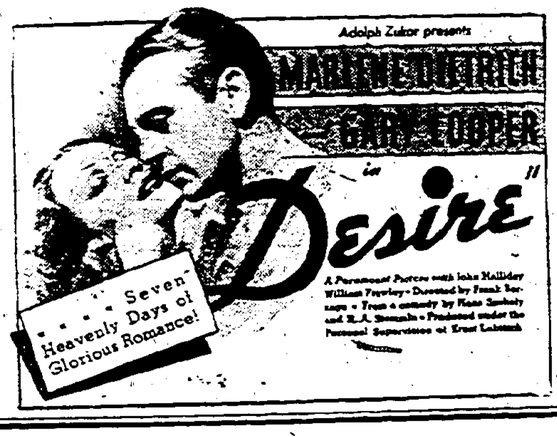

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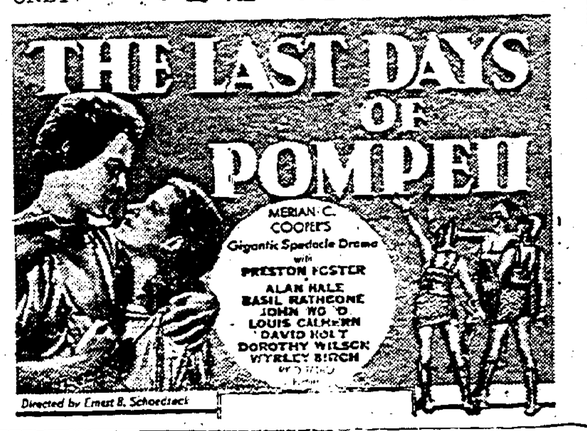

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ELECTIONS IN FRANCE

Parties Prepare For Second Ballot

HERRIOT CHANGES HIS MIND

Paris, To-day.

M. Herriot is now certain of election at next Sunday's second ballot at Lyons. He has definitely decided to stand again, and the regional Communist Party has decided to vote in his favour.

Both the Right and the Left are now preparing for Sunday's final clash and are arranging which candidates on their respective fronts shall retire. The withdrawals so far include the Radical-Socialist Minister of Education, M. Guernot, who has retired in favour of a Socialist.—Reuter.

Mr. K. Midrusawa, the Japanese Consul-General, above, was the host this morning at a reception at the Consulate-General in honour of the 35th birthday of Emperor Hirohito of Japan.

DEATH OF KING AT VITAL PERIOD

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pected to reach here to-day, when the formation of a Regency will be undertaken, at whose head it is expected, King Fuad's nephew, Prince Mohammed Ali, now 62 years of age, will be placed.

King Fuad is said to have handed a sealed envelope to the Council of State at the time of his accession, with three names of those who are to form the Regency in case of his death before his successor is of age. Fears are entertained here that the weakness, almost always characteristic of a Regency, might open the door to an Italian intrigue, which possibly might find willing ears in the ant-British circles. At any rate, the whole situation is full of uncertainties which threaten to become perils unless handled with consummate skill. — Trans-Ocean Service.

GERMAN CONDOLENCES

Berlin: Immediately on hearing of the death of King Fuad I, the Reich Chancellor telegraphed his profound sympathy to the bereaved son and successor, Prince Farouk:

"The news of the death of Your Majesty's illustrious Father King Fuad I of Egypt, has grieved me deeply. In the name of the German people I ask Your Majesty to accept my cordial sympathy for the great loss sustained by Your Majesty, the Royal Family and the whole Egyptian people. — Adolf Hitler."

As the Chancellor's personal Deputy, the Secretary of State, Dr. Meissner, Chief of the Presidential Chancellory, called on the Egyptian Minister at Berlin, Nachat Pasha, to express the profound sympathy. The flags of the Presidential Chancellory, the Reich Chancellory, the Foreign Office and the Reichstag were set at half-mast yesterday and to-day. —Trans-Ocean Service.

REGRET VOICED IN LONDON

London: The news of the death of King Fuad, which occurred at 1.40 p.m. local time yesterday at the age of 68, was received in London with great regret. The Assistant Marshal of the Diplomatic Corps, Mr. J. B. Monck, called at the Egyptian Legation yesterday afternoon and at Kenry House, Kingston-on-Thames, where the Heir Apparent, Prince Farouk, is residing, to express the condolences of the Foreign Secretary. The Prince also received a private message of sympathy from King Edward. The British Government has telegraphed a message to the Egyptian Government.

The newspapers print long accounts of the late King's reign and pay tributes to his work for the educational and scientific development of his country. Cairo messages describe arrangements for the funeral on Thursday.

According to press information the plans for the return of Prince Farouk have not yet been made.—British Wireless Service.

CROWN'S CIVIL LIST

Proposals Published In London

London, To-day.

An annual saving of £155,900 for the time being will result from the proposals of the Select Committee appointed to consider the financial provision for the Crown in the Civil List, the report of which, published yesterday, will come before the House of Commons next Monday. The total of the list is £410,000 per annum, compared with £470,000 proposed at the beginning of the last reign, but the whole of the sum for His Majesty's Privy purse of £110,000 will remain undrawn so long as the revenues of the Duchy of Cornwall do not fall below £102,000.

Queen Mary will receive an annuity of £70,000. Provision is made for the Duke of York as Heir Presumptive in view of his heavier duties, as well as for the contingency of the King's marriage.—British Wireless Service.

HEADWATERS OF BLUE NILE

Question In The Commons

London, To-day.

A member asked in the House of Commons yesterday afternoon what steps the Foreign Secretary was taking to protect the rights of Egypt with regard to the headwaters of the Blue Nile, recently occupied by Italian troops.

Lord Carnborne replied that the rights of Egypt, as of the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan and His Majesty's Government, are protected by existing agreements with both Abyssinia and Italy. — British Wireless Service.

PRINCESS ROYAL'S ILLNESS

Convalescence May Be Slow

London, To-day.

A bulletin issued from Harewood House yesterday stated that the progress of the Princess Royal and her younger son continued to be satisfactory and added: "After the severe attack of measles from which Her Royal Highness has been suffering the convalescence may be expected to be slow, but no further bulletins will be issued."—British Wireless Service.

WEATHER REPORT

A weak anti-cyclone has developed over N. China, and the depression is still indicated between S. Japan and the Loochoos. Pressure continues to be low over south-west China and Tongking. South-east winds, moderate; cloudy, was the forecast for to-day, as issued by the Royal Observatory this morning.

IRON & STEEL WORKS

Big Contract In Canton

SECURED BY BRITISH INTERESTS

Despite the fact that they had to cope with very strong foreign competition, an all-British engineering group has secured the contract for the construction, erection and operation for a period of three years, of the Kwangtung Iron and Steel Works, a Provincial Government undertaking. The approximate value of the contract is £2,000,000 or $30,000,000 in local currency.

The contract agreement was formally signed yesterday in the Kwangtung Provincial Government Council Chamber in the presence of Mr. Herbert Phillips, British Consul-General, Mr. R. H. Scott, British Trade Commissioner and Commercial Secretary for Hong Kong and South China, and Mr. Lin Yun-koi, the chairman of the Provincial Government.

PROTRACTED NEGOTIATIONS

The negotiations for this huge contract have been going on for over a year and Mr. K. Lund, who was actively engaged on it, signed the agreement on behalf of the British combine, while Dr. Chin Shu-fan and Messrs. Wu Kai-yin, Ho Kai-lai, Au Fong-po and Lee Lok-chiac, who were specially appointed by the Kwangtung authorities, signed on their behalf.

Practically all the principal iron and steel manufacturers of Great Britain are participating in this contract, the leaders of the British group being Messrs. Brassert and Co., Ltd.

The contract calls for the erection of a modern steel and iron works, complete in every detail, capable of producing 110,000 tons per annum. Engineers and other experts are being sent out from England in connection with the scheme, and it is expected that work on the site will begin in about a month's time. The works will be situated about four miles down the river from Canton.

Mr. R. H. Scott returned to Hong Kong this morning.

WOMEN STILL EXCLUDED

From British Service Of Diplomacy

London, To-day.

The report of the inter-departmental committee on the admission of women to the diplomatic and consular services was issued yesterday as a White Paper, together with a statement, in which His Majesty's Government announces its intention to adopt the recommendation of the four members of the committee, that no change should be made in the existing position.—British Wireless Service.

EXCHEQUER RETURNS

London, To-day.

The exchequer returns show that the total ordinary revenue, excluding self-balancing items, amounts to £40,544,898, compared with £47,007,346 in the corresponding period of 1935. Total ordinary expenditure, exclusive of self-balancing items, is £54,709,921, against £50,996,833 a year ago.—British Wireless Service.

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